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## Accident route to miss out on safety

MOVES to improve a busy route through Brownhills where there were 28 accidents in two years have been put on hold.

A scheme to install a table top junction, a 20mph zone and new signage have been under consideration along the main A452.

Improvements along Chester Road and Brownhills High Street would cost more than £200,000.

But Walsall Council chiefs say there are no immediate plans the stretch where there have been seven serious collisions between December 2009 and 2011.

It was on the reserve list of projects in the current financial year but council chiefs say it is not going to happen in the near future.

Principal transport planner Mark Corbin said: "We haven't got any project on the horizon for Brownhills, although when the Tesco redevelopment does occur there will be associated highway works."

A series of other road improvements are being considered by the authority. The A461 Lichfield Road is being looked at by highways chiefs who are keen to reduce delays.

Around £100,000 has been earmarked to look at how work could be carried out on the route which runs between Walsall and Shire Oak near Brownhills.

## Eyesore pub to finally go

A LONG-TERM eyesore on a main route through Walsall will be demolished by the start of next month.

The vandal-hit Lane Arms pub will finally be pulled down after Walsall Council approved a demolition notice that proposes work starts on May 21 and finishes by June 4.

It has been targeted by arsonists and there has been a long-running campaign to get the eyesore on a main route between Walsall and Willenhall pulled down.

## Proud Ellie's dreams for London Olympics



Dream - Ellie Simmonds

SWIMMING sensation Ellie Simmonds has revealed her London 2012 dreams and said she was proud to be flying the Olympic flag for the region.

The 17-year-old from Aldridge, who became an MBE in 2009, said she was keeping her fingers crossed for the competition.

Although her tough training schedule means she will not be in Walsall when the Olympic torch passes through on June 30, she wished the people of the borough a

fantastic day. The swimmer booked herself a place at the London 2012 Paralympics after taking gold in a qualifying championship.

Ellie bagged two gold medals in the 2008 Paralympic Games, setting a new world record in the 400m freestyle.

The teenager said: "I come from Aldridge and I am proud to be flying the flag for Walsall at the Olympic Games this year again."

"I am really pleased to hear that the torch will be passing through the

borough. Unfortunately, I will not be able to be in Walsall on the day as I am training in Germany but I hope all the residents in Walsall have a fantastic day."

The former Cooper & Jordan School pupil said she is keeping her fingers crossed for success at the competition.

"I have been training hard in Swansea and I am absolutely thrilled to be part of the Paralympics team for the London 2012 Games," she said. "Obviously it will be

absolutely amazing if I manage to come home with a medal again but I am really happy to be taking part as well."

Ellie was named BBC young sports personality of the year in 2008 and became the youngest person to receive an MBE the following year.

Walsall has been chosen to be part of the Olympic Torch Relay on June 30, giving residents an opportunity to see the flame.

● Olympic accolade

## College's move to become academy

A COLLEGE in Walsall is hoping to be the latest secondary school to become an academy after launching a formal consultation period.

A meeting to discuss the proposals for Alumwell Business and Enterprise College to convert in September will take place at the school on May 17.

The college, in Primley Avenue, will be sponsored by E-ACT and the consultation period will now run until May 25.

Willenhall School Sports College opened as Willenhall E-ACT Academy at the start of the year as the numbers converting to academies continues to rise across the borough.

Principal designate at Alumwell, Andy Hubble, said: "The plan offers the college a bright new future."

"The Governors and I have high aspirations to provide our students with a first class education that builds on the improvements we have made recently."

"I am tremendously excited about the prospect of our academy conversion that will see us become an outstanding school with the support of our sponsor."

E-ACT's director general, Sir Bruce Liddington, added: "We are pleased to be working with governors and staff to support Alumwell as it prepares to enter a new phase of its development."

## Fire destroys car workshop

A CHARRED shell was all that remained of a Walsall car workshop after flames engulfed the business.

The blaze devastated Monmore Green Welding Co, Green Street, Birchills, on Sunday.

Owner Simon Pearson, aged 53, said: "I just don't know what we are going to do at the moment. It has taken the workshop out completely. I have been here 33 years and there were vintage car parts in there which I can't put a price on."

# MARKETS AT NIGHT PLAN TO AID TRADE

PLANS for a night-time market in Walsall have been unveiled as borough bosses look to boost trade in the town centre.

The idea is part of Walsall's bid for a slice of a £1 million Government cash pot fronted by retail guru Mary Portas. Those behind the bid hope a night time market will bring more shoppers into the town centre and boost the evening economy.

They say they have closely studied Birmingham's famous German market and would introduce a night time market which specialises in crafts as well as regular stalls.

Walsall Town Centre Team has put together the plan and it will find out next month if the bid has been successful.

The idea of a night-time market was welcomed by traders on Walsall's regular pitches but they warned it should work in conjunction with them.

Tony Larnar, chairman of Walsall Market Traders' Association, said: "If the night time market was incorporated into the regular market we would be very happy."

"If it does go ahead, they would need to work very closely with us."

Bid organisers say a night time market would offer "something different".

Saddlers Shopping Centre manager Angela Henderson, who is a member of the Walsall Town Centre Team, said: "A night market would be a new concept for the town. It would hopefully be something similar to Birmingham's German Market."

"It would generate interest in the town in terms of giving people something a little bit different and would boost the rest of the night-time economy. We think it would be something young people would enjoy too."

### By Catherine Dalton

Other ideas unveiled as part of the bid include a loyalty card to reward shoppers who visit the town regularly, more training for independent retailers and a smartphone application for people to access on their iPhones.

Under the proposed loyalty card scheme, shoppers would be given incentives for visiting the town centre.

Ms Henderson said: "The thing I would most like to see is a loyalty card, because it works for the tenants, the retailers and the customers."

Another plan would see tours take front-line staff into the town to highlight landmarks, services, transport hubs and car parking.

Extra help would also be given to independent retailers to get them to "think outside the box".

The local authority has already won £100,000 of Government cash to tackle the rate of empty shops in the borough.

It comes after independent figures released earlier this year showed that Walsall has a shop vacancy rate of 29 per cent. However, council chiefs claimed the actual figure was closer to 20 per cent.

## The keys to garden design



Jo Lester and Jackie Cocken, from the Walsall Arboretum User Group, project manager Sam Mills and Helen Wood and Darren Rudge from Walsall College

A £50,000 gallery garden with crooked paths and futuristic metal doorframes is to be created at Walsall Arboretum.

City of Wolverhampton College lecturers Darren Rudge and Helen Wood, from its Cedars Horticultural Centre, were invited to design the garden by the Arboretum User Group.

It will be used to display artwork outdoors and is set to open on June 20.

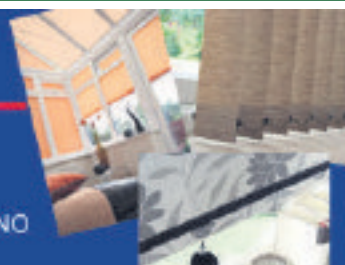
The design, called Keys, has metal doorframes made by the college's engineering students and will have locks and keys. Mr Rudge said: "Our brief was to showcase garden design as art so the plans are conceptual and feature elements of sculpture, including a metal box with lots of keys."

"The garden can mean different things to different people - for some it may be unlocking the doors to your own potential while others may see the links to Willenhall and its industrial heritage."

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## Father posed a landlord in £50,000 benefit fraud

A FATHER-OF-FOUR who master-minded a near £50,000 benefit fraud by pretending he was his lover's landlord has been jailed.

Asaam Yaqub lived with Alamar Begum in their Willenhall home while she was claiming benefits.

Begum already had one baby when Yaqub bought a £133,000 house for them in Yale Road, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

But the 39-year-old food company operations manager prepared paperwork for the authorities that

claimed his 34-year-old partner was merely his tenant, Mr Julian Harris, prosecuting, said. And Yaqub repeated the lie in similar documents until the truth was discovered after a tip-off five years later.

By then, there were five children under the roof, now aged between two and 13. The oldest was fathered by a different man and Begum had legitimately applied for council tax relief along with housing benefit and income support in August 2001.

By the time she moved in with

Yaqub in the house he bought on a mortgage in 2005, she had given birth to their first child and they then had three more while he also treated her eldest child as his own.

The bogus agreement he drew up three times allowed her to collect £48,168 before the fraud was uncovered, Mr Harris said.

Mr Matthew Dunford, defending, said they had made no money from their house which they were now renting after it was repossessed and sold to a housing association. He

said: "They were not living a lavish lifestyle. The money was used to pay household bills."

Begum admitted benefit fraud and Yaqub pleaded guilty to false representation. He was jailed for 10 months and she received a 24-week jail term suspended for two years.

Judge Nicholas Webb told them: "If you decide to take on financial commitments you cannot afford and then cheat taxpayers to try to pay for them, you can expect little or no sympathy from the court."

## Tutor fined for running a school in his garage

A TUTOR spent up to £35,000 transforming the garage of his Walsall home into a mini-school, which he ran without permission, a court was told.

Ajay Kapur held 15 two-hour tuition classes each week from the home he shared with his wife Savita in Broadway North. The couple have now been told to pay more than £1,400 between them after ignoring enforcement action issued by Walsall Council last August that required the pair to remove desks, chairs and whiteboards by December 2011.

Mr Dominic Patouchas, prosecuting, told Walsall Magistrates Court last week that the lessons caused parking and traffic issues. The court heard that 48-year-old Ajay Kapur, who set up Top Marks tuition service, would run some classes until 9pm.

Mr Patouchas said the authority wrote to the Kapurs advising them that planning permission was needed. Subsequently an application was lodged but then withdrawn.

"In August the council issued an enforcement notice," he added. "No appeal was made against the notice. It should have been complied with by December."

## Accident

Both defendants admitted breaching the enforcement notice.

Mr Chris Loach, mitigating, said Ajay Kapur, who previously worked as a warehouse assistant, had been left with severe mobility problems after a road traffic accident in 1991 and was unable to return to his job.

He said he started tutoring from a room in his home, but noise coming from a neighbouring property led him to convert the garage.

Mr Loach said he taught a maximum of six pupils at one time and would encourage parents not to use their cars to drop off and pick up children.

Ajay Kapur, who said he spent £30,000 to £35,000 converting his garage into a classroom, was fined £1,000 and told to pay a £15 victim surcharge. His wife, aged 47, was given a conditional discharge and both were ordered to pay £213.15 costs.

## New gates may mark jubilee at town park

A BID for £50,000 of funding to help create a new frontage at a Darlaston park has now been submitted.

Campaigners are keeping their fingers crossed that the money from the Community Spaces programme will be awarded to Kings Hill Park for the work.

It is hoped that a decision will be made by June.

## Revamp

Paul Bott, of the Friends of Darlaston South parks, said: "The money would be used to put a new frontage on and new gates with something there to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in the design work."

"It would also see new footpaths and a new piece of artwork."

Kings Hill Park is in the middle of a £200,000 revamp.

Earlier this year, more than 100 new trees were planted at the park.

## Olympic flame accolade



Olympic torchbearers Kim Clark and Ravendar Kumar Bangar from Walsall College

TWO members of staff at Walsall College will be flying the flag for the region after being selected as Olympic torchbearers.

Kim Clark, a further education sports co-ordinator, is one of 55 people who has been chosen as a torchbearer through the Coca-Cola's Future Flames campaign. Kim, aged 27, who will carry the flame through

Newtown, is also a volunteer with sports charity, StreetGames.

NVQ assessor Ravendar Kumar Bangar, who supports students and employers via apprenticeships and work-based training courses, was selected for being an inspiration to others through his work. The 36-year-old will carry the flame in Willenhall.

## Sport and business hub plan to extend college

A BUSINESS and sports complex is being proposed for Walsall College under a multi-million pound plans.

The development, including a sports hall and dance studios, is being earmarked for a site next to the main Wisemore campus.

College bosses have been in discussions with Walsall Council about creating a £5 million complex on the vacant Littleton Street site next to the college.

Council bosses have given their backing to the scheme but there is no confirmed timescale at this stage.

Education bosses hope the project will get under way within three years.

## Initiative

Deb Rajania, director of operations and resources at the college, said: "The proposed Walsall Business and Sports Hub is an exciting venture for Walsall College, supported by Walsall Council as a regeneration initiative."

"This initiative is set to create a development in the heart of Walsall, combining a high-quality business hub for business incubation and enterprise, with a community sports facility, including a sports hall, gymnasium and dance studios."

"Until the funding is secured, no provisional timescale will be set for the project but it is anticipated at this stage that the Business and Sports Hub will become a reality within the next three years."

The £64m college, opened in September 2009, is one of the first stages of the town centre's proposed £400m Gigaport scheme, which aims to create a 'business corridor' in the town centre attracting major businesses.

## Charity match

FORMER Walsall and Wolves footballers will compete to raise money for children's cancer charities.

The match between the Walsall and Wolves All-star teams is being held at the Banks's Stadium on May 17.

Money raised will go towards charities CLIC Sargent, Fat Boys and specialist hospital John Radcliffe. Admission is £3 adults or £2 concessions while an executive box for 10 people is available for £100. Book via email penny@catuk.com

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## Borough cab fares all set to increase

FARE increases for passengers in black cabs in Walsall are expected to come into force in June – unless objections scupper the proposals.

An increase of almost 20 per cent has been proposed by Walsall Hackney Carriage Association in a bid to cover rising costs.

It comes as taxi bosses expect the Town for a Pound initiative which allows people to flag down a cab on its way back into the centre will be operating by a week on Monday.

Borough licensing chiefs have backed both proposals. They are concerned drivers' livelihoods are at risk due to rising operating costs.

### Force

A formal notice of the rise has been advertised.

As long as no viable objections are submitted they are due to come into force in early June but legitimate complaints could see the changes on hold.

Cabbies said there had not been an increase in daytime fares since 2005 and night time prices since summer 2008.

The cost of the first mile between 6am and 6pm is to rise from £3.60 to £4.30 and then from £1.50 to £1.60 for each mile afterwards.

Meter charges are also due to rise overnight from 13p to 15p for each 117 yards travelled after the first mile.

Mirza Khalid, chairman of the Hackney Carriage Association, said: "The increase is because of the rising costs."

He added the Town for a Pound scheme would benefit drivers and passengers.

## Rambling along

THE Walsall Group of the Ramblers will be heading towards Ashbourne, Derbyshire for a 10 mile circular walk this Sunday. Non-members are welcome and should contact the walk leader on 01922 692929. Further information about the is available at www.walsallramblers.co.uk

## Final photos

WALSALL Photographic Club is staging its final competition on the season on Monday when Tony Broom judges panels of three prints, or triptychs. It starts at 7.30pm at Walsall Rugby Club, Delves Road, and visitors are welcome and entrance is £2. Contact Tony Woodvine on 01922 867352.

# Zoe makes a splash to reach BGT semi



The Aquabatique with Zoe Cooper, third from left

AN ACROBATIC swimmer from Walsall Synchronised Swimming Club has somersaulted into the live semi-finals of Britain's Got Talent.

Former Great Britain team competitor Zoe Cooper is part of swimming quartet Aquabatique, which wowed the judges and the nation on Saturday night.

The 28-year-old, who works in Walsall, is preparing for the semi-final on Thursday and will be cheered on by proud fellow members of Walsall Synchronised Swimming Club.

Aquabatique was one of the acts to uproot

the entire studio audience and judging panel outside to perform in four large glass tanks in Cardiff. While Simon Cowell declared they looked "amazing", David Walliams revealed the girls had performed at his wedding to model Lara Stone four years ago.

Now Zoe, who works at the Swimming Teachers Association in Walsall, is training up to 10 hours a day.

"The whole experience has been incredible," said Zoe, who did not even begin synchronised swimming until she was in her teens. But she soon got a taste for it and still coaches at the town's Gala Baths now.



Semi-finals – Zoe Cooper

# Raider who left shopkeeper devastated escapes jail term

A PROLIFIC criminal who ransacked a fancy dress and sweet shop in Bloxwich, escaping with £3,000 of stock, has been spared an immediate prison sentence. Daniel Billiard trashed Sweet & Fancy in the town centre in the dead of night.

Devastated owner Debbie Jones found the place had been turned over as she opened for business on July 16 last year. Mrs Jones said, in a victim impact statement read at the hearing at Wolverhampton Crown Court on Friday, that she had struggled to come to terms with the crime. "I was devastated by the burglary. This shop is my livelihood," she said.

Billiard from Wolverhampton Road, Pelsall, was filmed acting suspiciously outside the shop by CCTV cameras mounted on a nearby building, Mr Nick Smith, prosecuting, said.

He was arrested in Bloxwich High Street two days later and subsequently picked out at an identity parade.

The 26-year-old criminal has a string of previous convictions that include burglary and shoplifting.

Mr Mark Sharman, defending, said: "He has a drug problem and has reached a turning point in his life. He realises that unless he sorts himself out now he will lose everything."

Roofers Billiard admitted burglary and attempted burglary. He was given a two-year community order under supervision, ordered to attend a drug rehabilitation course and given a four-month night-time curfew.

Judge Martin Walsh said: "This offence was committed in the face of an acute drug problem. That explains but does not excuse your behaviour. I could send you to prison for a considerable time or deal with the case that will be to the benefit of you and, in the long-term, the public at large."

"I am going to give you the opportunity to receive treatment but if you fail to take this chance you will be going to prison for significantly longer than 12 months."

## D-day soon over legal action on mobile mast

WALSALL Council is due to find out on Thursday whether it will be able to push forward with legal action in a bid to pull down a phone mast in Pheasey.

The authority said it refused permission for a mast at the junction between Waverley Avenue and Beacon Road. Despite this, Vodafone and O2 went ahead.

More than 350 people signed a petition in support of the council. The mast was put up last July after the plans were turned down in January. Both phone firms denied receiving the notice of refusal in time.

## Support as Chris bows out



Bra adviser Chris Daniels, seated centre, who has retired from Marks & Spencer

A SENIOR Marks & Spencer bra adviser who has dedicated decades of her life to fundraising has retired from her role at the store's Walsall branch after 32 years.

Chris Daniels, of Pelsall, enjoyed a party with colleagues at the Park Street store last week.

Together with staff at the store, the grandmother of five has raised thousands of pounds for charities including Breakthrough Breast Cancer, Acorns Children's

Hospice and The British Heart Foundation. She helped raise more than £10,000 towards a new MRI scanner at Walsall Manor Hospital. Fundraising activities have included sponsored walks and swims.

Mrs Daniels, of Ryders Hayes Estate, said: "The staff at the store have always backed me up with the fundraising. I don't mind still helping out with the charity events and voluntary work. We've had some brilliant times."

## NEWS in brief

### Hospice offers challenge trek

A HOSPICE is urging people to help raise cash by signing up to a series of challenges. Acorns Children's Hospice in Walsall wants adventurous people to sign up for the charity Inca Trail challenge, Peru, participants will experience beautiful mountain scenery, Inca paving stones, ancient ruins and tunnels.

They will spend a day visiting a Peruvian school before embarking on the trek and will finally arrive at the Sun Gate in Machu Picchu in time for sunrise. The trip will take place between October 5 and 14. Call 01564 825000 for details.

### Initiative starts to lose weight

A WEIGHT-LOSS programme for residents wanting to shed some pounds in Walsall is being launched.

The Evolve initiative is running at Oak Park and Bloxwich leisure centres and aims to help people make small but realistic changes to their lifestyle. It costs £40 for 12 weeks or £3.50 a session. Men with a body mass index over 30 can attend for free. Call 01902 605500.

### Expansion for school backed

THE expansion of a school in Walsall to create six new classrooms has got the go-ahead. A single storey extension will be created at Shire Oak after the scheme was granted permission from Walsall Council planners.

It provide teaching spaces for English, maths and science in a single storey and facing away from nearby properties.

### Get walking for diabetes charity

FUNDRAISERS are being urged to dust off their trainers in Walsall for a sponsored walk in aid of Diabetes UK next month.

Participants can enjoy a three or five-mile stroll around Walsall Arboretum on June 24 and those who complete the course will get a medal.

Registration starts at 10am for the 11am trek.

### Jewellery date

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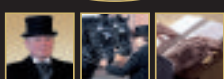
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A REPORT being considered by ministers suggests that bad teachers should be paid less than good teachers. Surely bad teachers shouldn't be paid at all.

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MAYBE the long delays at Heathrow are a fiendishly clever way of establishing whether people are who they claim to be. Anyone who cannot queue patiently for a couple of hours is clearly not British.

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I AWOKE to a strange sense of déjà vu as the Bank of England boss Sir Mervyn King explained that as the banking crisis approached, he should have done more to raise the alarm. As he put it: "With the benefit of hindsight, we should have shouted from the rooftops."

I interviewed Gordon Brown when he was prime minister and asked if he had any regrets. With hindsight, Brown explained piously, he should have done more to alert to world to the lack of regulation in the banking system.

Curious, isn't it, that they did not share their foreboding with each other and do something about it before the system collapsed? Who knows what they might have achieved by shouting from the rooftops together? Instead, both men now accept blame, not for sinning, but for failing to point out the sins of others. Behold, the art of the guiltless apology.

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A SURVEY this week reports that social mobility and the gap between rich and poor is worse in Britain than in any other western state. No surprises there. In the second half of the 20th century this country was largely run by politicians who owed their own social mobility to the grammar schools which took them from terraced streets to Oxbridge. Having benefited from the greatest aids to social mobility Britain has ever seen, those same politicians closed the grammar schools down. It was madness and today we are reaping the consequences.

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MEANWHILE, a young friend who is a product of one of Britain's few remaining grammar schools started work recently and was given a hard time by the office manager who insisted on calling him "posh boy". Eventually the lad stood his ground and explained: "I'm not posh. I'm clever."

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A READER admits he may be responsible for the recent downpours. He was apparently engaged in some ancient English rain-ritual involving white clothes, several pieces of wood and a red ball.

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THE European Commission says the EU gold-stars flag should fly permanently over Whitehall. Why not? They run the place.

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FIGURES released by the Ministry of Justice show that over the past 10 years the biggest increase in the rates of criminals who re-offend is among juveniles who received a community penalty. But the proportion of juveniles who re-offend after a spell behind bars has fallen significantly. In other words, whatever the do-gooders try to tell us, prison works.

**Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star**

# Future looking bleak for rescued terriers

AS SUZIE Indale tickles Buster behind his ears, the Staffordshire bull terrier gives the 17-year-old's hand an appreciative lick.

Some would say Suzie is brave for taking on the role of a volunteer at a centre inundated with large and imposing looking dogs. However, the trainee veterinary nurse says she enjoys her shifts at the Rosedene Rescue Centre, Walsall, and often gets attached to the pooches she looks after.

She and other staff are finding they have an increasing number of Staffordshire bull terriers and rottweilers needing rehoming.

Some of the problem is that they are over-bred and puppies are left without a home. But there is also a perception that these dogs can be aggressive, an image that volunteers at Rosedene are keen to change.

Suzie, from Walsall, says: "Some breeds have a bad image and people worry that if they have a Staffie or Rottweiler it will attack someone."

"But they are among the most loving dogs that come into the centre and love to have a cuddle and a play."

Suzie says that 14 out of their 31 dogs are Staffordshire bull terriers and they also have four rottweilers.

## Labelled

"One of the main reasons why there are so many Staffies is because they are over-bred by owners," she says.

"Sadly, because they are hard-looking dogs they can be seen as a status symbol by some people, mainly in cities."

Officials at Battersea Dogs Home say the number of Staffies coming into them has leaped 850 per cent since 1996.

One of their main challenges is to provide the dogs they receive with the basic training that allows them to get along with other dogs.

At Sunnyside Kennels, in

Animal rescue centres say they are struggling to rehome Staffordshire bull terriers and now a new government crackdown could add to the problem. CATHY SPENCER reports

Coven, near Wolverhampton, manager Karen Doy says half of the dogs there at present are Staffies or Staffie cross breeds.

"We have around 40 with us as they are slower to rehome than the other breeds," she says.

"Staffies are good family pets but you have to ensure they are trained and brought up properly."

There is a misconception among many that Staffies are officially labelled as dangerous.

Actually, as the Government looks to beef up its animal legislation, there are only four breeds of dog are currently banned - pit bull terrier, Japanese tosa, dogo argentino and fila brasileiro.

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Minister Jim Paice said: "We are known as a nation of animal lovers who take proper care of our pets."

But he criticised the minority who take on large dogs and who do not invest in the training they need.

He said: "There is a minority of irresponsible dog owners who don't take care of their pets. This has to stop."



Dog rescue volunteers Toni Carling and Suzie Indale with Ruby and Buster

## Work starts to stop garden floods

A SCHOOL field is being dug up as part of a £250,000 project to tackle a sewage blockage that has caused flooding.

Rigs have been set up on part of the field at Manor Road Primary School, in Streetly. It is part of the works to stop gardens being flooded.

Up to four properties have been affected in Daneways Close and Manor Road with some left with up

to six inches of water outside their homes.

Excavation work is taking place in Briar Avenue and Thorney Road.

This area also includes some of the field belonging to the primary school.

Severn Trent spokesman Roger Clark said disruption was being kept to a minimum.

"The sewer is close to the gardens of Briar Avenue and we have had to

encroach onto their land to enable a safe excavation," he said.

## Quickly

"We cannot, at this stage, give a timescale but aim to do the work as quickly as possible so as not to disrupt the school and local residents more than necessary."

"We would like to thank everyone there for their understanding during this vital work."

A school spokesman said they were happy to work with Severn Trent.

It emerged last week that one family has suffered 18 floods in just over a decade despite not being connected to the main system.

Severn Trent has blamed the problem on residents not disposing of items correctly, which causes blockages.

## Display looks at town's sports heritage

WALSALL'S sporting history is being been put under the spotlight at a new exhibition.

The display is on show at the town's Local History Centre, in Essex Street.

Walsall's Sporting Links will highlight several of the borough's own Olympians of the early 20th century, as well as scores of local sporting organisations.

Local History Centre worker Stuart Williams has prepared the exhibition along with colleagues Cath Yates and Paul Ford.

## Olympics

He said: "The contribution of Walsall people to the Olympics and to sport in general has been remarkable."

"Walsall Local History Centre has been able to preserve many documents, memorabilia and photographs relating to local sporting activities and prowess."

The exhibition will run through the summer until August 14. Admission is free.

## Mayor at restaurant birthday celebration

WALSALL'S Mayor has helped a Darlaston restaurant celebrate its fifth birthday after staff contributed to an auction which raised £5,000 for his charities.

Councillor Garry Perry joined diners at Suki's Bar and Indian Restaurant, in Walsall Road, to mark the occasion.

He thanked owner Bharat Patel for donating a prize to his charity auction and helped launch the restaurant's new celebration menu, which has been designed to honour the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and this summer's Olympic games.

Mr Patel said: "It was a fantastic night, and as well as thanking Councillor Perry for joining us, I'd like to thank all of our diners who have supported us so well over the last five years."

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## Dementia support is started

A NEW £343,000 service for people with dementia in Walsall will see "vital support" going to sufferers and their families.

The groundbreaking Pathways for Life service was launched on Friday.

It is a partnership between the Accord Group and Age UK Walsall and has been funded by Walsall Council.

Age UK Walsall has welcomed the service, which will also see two specialist dementia support workers based at Manor Hospital.

Davina Lytton, chief officer for Age UK Walsall, said: "We are really excited about the launch of Pathways for Life and the supportive work the scheme will be delivering both within the community and at Walsall Manor Hospital."

The service will see six cafe style support groups held across the borough on a monthly basis, where people can get specialised support and advice.

A dementia adviser service has also been set up at Age UK Walsall's new town centre base on The Bridge.

Around 3,000 people in Walsall are believed to be living with dementia.

Council social care director Paul Davies said it was an important investment.



Victoria Whyte wins the Palfrey ward for Labour



Delight for Labour's Sean Coughlan in Willenhall South



Steve Wade takes Brownhills from the Conservatives

# Labour has most seats but not enough full for control

**LABOUR has become the largest party on Walsall Council, but has failed to gain overall control of the authority after last Thursday's local elections.**

It leaves the council in limbo and no decision will be taken on who runs the council until May 23 when all 60 councillors will meet at the Council House.

Labour is now the biggest group with 28 seats and leader Tim Oliver has said they will put forward a motion

to run the council as a minority administration.

It won three seats from the ruling Conservatives but lost Darlaston South, where incoming mayor Graham Wilkes was standing, to Independent Chris Bott and Blakenall to Democratic Labour representative Pete Smith, who won his seat back.

### Space

In a statement, Councillor Oliver said: "Building on our success of last year, Walsall Labour made significant gains against the Conservatives gain-

ing three seats that will allow us to take control of the council, albeit as a minority administration."

He added: "In the space of two years we have gone from 18 seats to 28 and we will now go forward to the next full council meeting where we will put forward our plans for Walsall; plans to bring jobs and growth and radicalise how the council works on behalf of the people of the borough."

The Tories currently run the authority as a minority administration after losing overall control in the last election. They previously held 27 seats.

The council is now made up of 28 Labour councillors, 24 Conservatives, five Liberal Democrats, two independents and one Democratic Labour councillor.

Conservative leader Councillor Mike Bird said: "It is disappointing to have lost three seats, three hard working candidates that have given their all."

"It could have been worse but Walsall tends to buck the trend."

Willenhall South was held by Labour's deputy leader Sean Coughlan. Labour candidate and former mayor Richard Worrall took Rushall-Shelfield from incumbent Conservative Ron Carpenter. Labour also gained Brownhills.

### Count

Steve Wade overcame Tory councillor Alan Paul and also won Palfrey from Tory candidate Matloob Hussain.

The count took place at the Walsall campus of Wolverhampton University where bosses insisted women remove high-heeled shoes.

Councillor Rose Burley, who had to walk around barefoot, said: "I felt I would be okay but I didn't meet the standards they asked."

### COUNCIL RESULTS 2012



Barefoot at the count  
Rose Burley



Labour's Richard Worrall  
wins Rushall Shelfield



Conservative Tom Ansell  
was re-elected



Lib-Dem Ian Shires  
watches the count

## How the votes were cast

### Aldridge Central and South

Tom Ansell (Con) 1,602  
Mick Johnson (Lab) 735  
Russell Armitage (UKIP) 517  
Joanna Sheward (LD) 358  
**Con hold. Majority 867**

### Aldridge North and Walsall

Keith Sears (Con) 1,348  
Bob Grainger (Lab) 936  
Terence Majorowicz (BNP) 264  
Mark Greaveson (LD) 163  
**Con hold. Majority 412**

### Bentley and Darlaston North

Angela Underhill (Lab) 1,811  
Susan Allen (Con) 397  
Sulaiman Uddin (LD) 136  
**Lab hold. Majority 1,414**

### Birchills-Leamore

Tina Jukes (Lab) 1,424  
Chad Pitt (Con) 274  
Bob Ball (BNP) 230  
Chris Newey (ED) 128  
Matthew Griffin (LD) 74  
Leandra Gebrakeden (GP) 59  
**Lab hold. Majority 1,150**

### Blakenall

Pete Smith (DemLab) 1,025  
Ian Robertson (Lab) 1,012  
Hilda Derry (Con) 201  
**DemLab gain. Majority 13**

### Bloxwich East

Julie Fitzpatrick (Lab) 1,282  
Les Beeley (Ind) 595  
Peter Hryhoruk (Con) 364  
Stephen Baggett (DemLab) 70  
**Lab hold. Majority 68**

### Bloxwich West

Fred Westley (Lab) 1,463

### Abigail Pitt (Con) 898

Mick Ross (DemLab) 250  
Christine Cockayne (LD) 85  
**Lab hold. Majority 575**

### Brownhills

Steve Wade (Lab) 1,233  
Alan Paul (Con) 1,087  
Ian Ryan (LD) 173  
**Lab gain. Majority 146**

### Darlaston South

Chris Bott (Ind) 1,353  
Graham Wilkes (Lab) 1,003  
Michelle Martin (Con) 139  
**Ind gain. Majority 350**

### Paddock

Rose Martin (Con) 2,066  
Nasir Ali (Lab) 1,763  
Derek Bennett (UKIP) 444  
Abdul Malik (LD) 75  
**Con hold. Majority 303**

### Palfrey

Victoria Whyte (Lab) 1,880  
Matloob Hussain (Con) 1,570  
Sadat Hussain (LD) 302  
**Lab gain. Majority 310**

### Pelsall

Garry Perry (Con) 1,886  
Hugh Stewart (Lab) 658  
Shirley Balgobin (LD) 122  
**Con hold. Majority 1,228**

### Pheasey Park Farm

Adrian Andrew (Con) 1,351  
Patti Lane (Lab) 967  
Steven Grey (UKIP) 517  
**Con hold. Majority 384**

### Pieck

Dennis Anson (Lab) 2,317  
Gazarian Ali (Con) 978  
Mark Dabbs (Ind) 220

### Mohammed Yaqub (LD) 215

**Lab hold. Majority 1,439**

### Rushall-Sheffield

Richard Worrall (Lab) 1,233  
Ron Carpenter (Con) 954  
Tim Melville (UKIP) 284  
Roy Sheward (LD) 71  
**Lab gain. Majority 279**

### Short Heath

Doreen Shires (LD) 896  
Matthew Ward (Lab) 801  
Ann Ault (Con) 264  
Darren Hazell (UKIP) 229  
Malcolm Moore (ED) 151  
**LD hold. Majority 95**

### St Matthews

Mohammed Anif (Con) 1,702  
Afrah Nawaz (Lab) 1,573  
Rita Oakley (UKIP) 437  
Mozamil Khan (LD) 186  
**Con hold. Majority 129**

### Streety

Brian Douglas-Maul (Con) 1,829  
Steven King (Lab) 757  
Steve Whitehouse (UKIP) 515  
John Garfitt (LD) 122  
**Con hold. Majority 1,072**

### Willenhall North

Ian Shires (LD) 1,046  
Rosemary Cleaver (Lab) 753  
Liz Hazell (UKIP) 327  
Clive Ault (Con) 260  
Charles Haywood (ED) 94  
**LD hold. Majority 293**

### Willenhall South

Sean Coughlan (Lab) 1696  
Wendy Sharp (Con) 361  
Carol Fletcher (LD) 180  
**Lab hold. Majority 1,335**

\*Denotes incumbent party

## Secrets of the waters

THE hidden history of Walsall's mysterious underground water course will be the subject of a talk, The Brook, at Walsall Local History Centre, Essex Street, on May 14 at 7.30pm.

Local historian June Ellis will uncover the story and the route of Walsall Brook which winds across the town and beyond.

"Find out how the centre of Walsall looked when there was a real bridge above the town's main square, including how people had to hold their noses when their tanneries emptied their products into the stream," said.

"And how this babbling brook, with its now-murky route through town, has played a significant role in Walsall's development."

Booking is essential by calling 01922 721305.

## A taste of yoga

TWO taster yoga sessions will be held at Walsall Central Library on May 17 from 10.30am to 11.30am and 2pm to 3pm. Call 01922 653121.



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# Club scores a winner with after-dinner night

AN AFTER-DINNER event at a Walsall football club was a huge success, say organisers.

Evo-Stik Premier League club Rushall Olympic hosted the latest of its Sportsman's Evenings at the Dales Lane ground, with former Derby County footballer Jim Walker the

guest speaker. He played under legendary manager Brian Clough at Derby, before becoming a physio at Aston Villa working alongside Ron Atkinson and then assistant manager at Walsall to Paul Merson.

Comedy was provided by Jed Stone. Boxing promoter Ron Gray attended

and his son, Steve, was MC. Vice chairman Nick Allen said he was delighted. "We have had so much positive feedback," he said.

"It was great to see so many returning faces including Pics' manager, Neil Kitching, committee members and local businesses."

# Metal theft targets now internet and phone cable

THIEVES have stolen telephone and internet cables from outside homes in Walsall in a spate of overnight raids in recent weeks.

Eight thefts have been reported and have left residents in Darlaston and Bentley with hefty repair bills. Police investigating the thefts believe they could be linked.

Sgt Jackie Nicholson, from Willenhall police station, said: "We are receiving calls from residents reporting the theft of their internet or phone line cabling outside their homes."

"The cabling is simply being cut through. Only small amounts of cabling are being removed and so, money wise, it is worth next to nothing to the offender."

"However, this is causing a substantial cost to residents to get the line repaired by phone and broadband providers."

Residents have been warned to be on their guard and to report anything suspicious.

Police are increasing their evening patrols around the area. "It seems to be happening overnight," Sgt

By Lisa O'Brien

Nicholson added. "We've stepped up patrols and are following lines of inquiry. We think these incidents are linked, although we don't know that for definite."

The streets have not been identified but it comes after metal thieves struck in Moxley, Darlaston, and stole around half a dozen drain covers, leaving behind a repair bill for thousands of pounds.

Local councillors have called it a "worrying" and "dangerous" situation.

Bentley and Darlaston North Councillor Rose Burley said: "This is unacceptable. It is very dangerous."

"I hope people will help the police gather as much information as possible."

## Art put on display



Student Mary Butler shows off her work displayed at Walsall Leather Museum

STUDENTS at Walsall College are showing their creative side in an exhibition inspired by a range of different themes. Supported learning students on the Creative Arts programme are now showcasing their work at Walsall Leather Museum.

The Made in Walsall collection runs until May 19 and is a chance for young people to display their work and share their ideas. The work ranges from visual studies, textiles, and 3D to print making and digital photography. The colourful display is based on a range of themes, including Africa and gardening.

The exhibition has been going ahead for 15 years and aims to show the talent present in the Supported Learning department along with raising students' self-esteem.

Supported learning lecturer Jennie Jones said: "The standard of work here is extremely high and is evidence of the innovative and creative work."

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# Police chase 'fantasy' lands special in prison

## Queens of the May



Rushall Jubilee May Fair queen, left, Ellemay Grainger, aged 10, and princess Libby Porter, nine, both of The Radleys Primary School

RUSHALL Jubilee May Fair's queen and princess have been chosen.

Ellemay Grainger, aged 10, and nine-year-old Libby Porter, pupils at The Radleys Primary School, were due to be crowned by the Mayor of

Walsall at Rushall Playing Fields, in Rowley Place, on Bank Holiday Monday.

Sue Blakemore, chairman of Rushall May Fair Committee, said: "This will be Rushall's first Jubilee event."

A SPECIAL constable from Brownhills who posed as a police inspector after he chased a driver in a patrol car has been jailed.

Ian Atterbury "indulged in a spot of fantasy" as he followed a driver in a police car with blue lights flashing before accusing him of speeding, a court heard.

The 26-year-old asked colleagues in the car he was driving to support his false allegation, but they reported him instead.

At Warwick Crown Court last week, Atterbury of Church Street, Clayhanger, was jailed for 18 months and banned from driving for three years.

### Dangerous

He pleaded guilty to acts intended to pervert the course of justice, two charges of dangerous driving and illegally possessing CS spray. The court heard Atterbury was a special constable based in Walsall and then with the central motorway patrol group.

Atterbury was not authorised to drive a patrol car but last August turned up at Aldridge Police Station wearing a uniform with the epaulettes of an inspector. He sped off in a patrol car with blue lights flashing to a robbery in Willenhall with another special and two police community support officers.

Later Atterbury noticed a car which he claimed was speeding and put the siren on again to pursue it. Claiming to be an inspector, Atterbury told driver John Plumb he was being prosecuted.

Mr Wykeham Garcia, defending, said his client had "indulged in a spot of fantasy".

## Businesses fight crime

A GROUP launched to protect Willenhall businesses following a spate of raids on premises is helping to reduce crime. Since December, the manufacturing sub-group of Willenhall Traders and Community Support Group has overseen more than £100,000 worth of security improvements.

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# Campaign to protect green belt is growing

HUNDREDS of people have joined a campaign against controversial plans to build homes on green belt land in Walsall.

Almost 100 objection letters and a petition containing 450 names have been handed to the council.

The move is in protest against the multi-million pound plans for the Goscote area. The plans are part of a land swap deal drawn up by Walsall Housing Group and council bosses for around 700 homes on land called The Lea. New green belt land would be created on the demolished Goscote estate.

But residents living on roads surrounding The Lea have hit out at the plans saying they do not want to lose the green land.

The proposal was deferred at a planning meeting to allow more consultation to take place following a 273-name petition opposing the plans being handed in.

A further 94 individual objection letters and the petition has now been lodged with the authority.

## Fight

A campaign group has claimed it will "fight to the end" to ensure The Lea remains green belt land.

Ken Wall, who has lived in Hardy Road for more than 40 years, said residents were not opposed to the overall regeneration development but did not want to lose The Lea.

The 68-year-old said: "The feeling around this development is of anger and frustration. It is our green belt land. We have handed in 94 individually signed letters of objection and another petition of 449 names."

"A total of 98.5 per cent of the people who opened their doors to us don't want that development there. We are fighting this."

The proposal is expected to go back before the planning committee at the end of June or in July. Under the plans, the majority of homes will be available for sale.

Vacant sites at Well Place and Barracks Lane, which have full planning permission for 105 homes, will form part of the overall development.

## Dancers win Grand roles



Chosen to dance at the Grand - Megan Foster, Asha Ram, Ashton Gilbert, Summer Seager-Coles, Jaycee McDonald-Smith, Amber Millard, Charlotte Joynes, Georgia Flood and Francesca Kennedy

YOUNG dancers from a Walsall dance school have won places in a prestigious ballet production being staged later this year at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre.

Students from the Walsall Academy of Dance impressed judges with their skills at auditions. A total of 10 members of the academy, based in Butt Street, were selected to take part in the English Youth Ballet's

production of Swan Lake which will be held at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre on September 21 and 22.

Christa Collard, who runs the academy, said she was very proud of the dancers who had worked hard to earn their place in the production.

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# Motorists regularly face delays on the ring road

## Party is treat for seniors



At the party in Willenhall are senior committee members Reg Wighton MBE, Anne Wighton OBE, Tom Bradley and Colin Broomhall

MORE than 150 pensioners gathered in Willenhall for a party, continuing a tradition dating back more than six decades. The Old Folks Treat event was held at Pool Hayes Arts and Community School.

Anne Wighton, aged 88, is life vice-president of the treat committee and has helped with the catering for the event since it started 63

years ago. She said: "It went well and everyone's enjoyed themselves. There were about 150 people present."

Gordon Witton, aged 78, of Castle Drive, Willenhall, attended with his partner Cynthia Edwards who helped to cater for it. He said: "The best thing about it is the friendship."

**MOTORISTS** are facing delays on Walsall's ring road because of work taking place at an average of once every two months.

Drivers have been faced with disruptions along the £23 million town centre network because of a range of projects including repairs to water leaks, blockages and installation projects. Walsall Council bosses said the disruptions had been because of phone and water company schemes rather than because of problems with the road itself.

The ring road was completed in 2009, £5m over budget and a year behind schedule. In a 12-month period up to this February there were seven projects that needed carrying out.

Four were by South Staffs Water which included repairing a water leak and mains maintenance work. Three projects were completed by BT.

Jamie Morris, executive director at Walsall Council, said: "Walsall's creaking road network was in desperate need of catching up with 21st century traffic which is why we built the ring road."

### Investment

"As a result of the ring road, hundreds of millions of pounds of new investment has been channelled into the town including the Manor Hospital improvements, new offices for whg, a new Tesco and the impressive Walsall College building."

"Like any road in Walsall we are approached by statutory services like water and telephone and gas for permission to carry out permanent work on the underground spaghetti of cables and pipes that carry the services that keep Walsall moving."

"Like any council we manage these very carefully and endeavour to make sure that work is kept to a minimum with a minimum amount of disruption."

It emerged earlier this year that the council had set aside a total of £630,000 towards paying consultants, contractors, engineers' time and legal fees from the scheme - almost three years after the ring road's its delayed completion.

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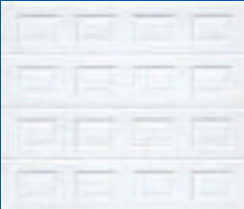


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# Council disappointed by fall in town hall bookings

**JUST under £50,000 was raked in over a year from hiring out Walsall's two historic town halls – a quarter less than expected.**

Most of the income came from Walsall Town Hall which had 152 paid bookings in the 12 months leading up to April this year. Darlaston Town Hall collected £8,125 from 82 bookings as the number of users slightly dropped.

Walsall Council revealed earlier this year it had been looking to bring in £67,000 from hiring out the two venues.

But despite generating £41,089 from the more high-profile Walsall venue in Leicester Street, it managed to bring in a total of only £49,215.25.

### Weddings

The venues have been booked for of awards ceremonies, concerts, physiotherapy sessions, blood donor sessions and meetings. There have been claims that some event organisers have snubbed the venues due to prices.

Couples have also ignored the opportunity to get hitched at Darlaston Town Hall, where weddings can be held.

Council chiefs have insisted the venues remain popular for people looking to hire a major hall.

Sport and leisure service manager Ben Percival said: "With more than 250 bookings across the two sites, the town halls continue to be well supported. Usage includes a considerable number of repeat bookings, which reflects the high levels of customer satisfaction with the venues."

## Gender swap at shop



Front from left Marie Leonard, Indi Sandhar and Laura Roberts with, back from left, Nikki Jackson, David Pearson and Carol Lewis

MALE and female colleagues swapped clothes for the day in a shop's charity fundraiser.

Men dressed as women with the ladies donning shirt and ties (and moustaches!) at Mid-Counties Co-op, High Street, Walsall. The event was in aid of charity Women's Aid that combats domestic violence.

Marie Leonard, of Clayhanger, a supervisor at the store, said: "Every year we have a nominated charity at Mid-Counties Co-op and this year it's Women's Aid. We had a 'Give at the Till' weekend and also the gender swap."

"All 15 of the staff on duty were taking part. We raised about £350."

## Felt workshop

WORKSHOPS for adults to make jewellery from felt will be held at Walsall Leather Museum on May 26.

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## CLUB NEWS

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# Entertaining talk on Life in the 50s



Sylvia Aston, Jean Joyce, Elizabeth Wyatt-Garrido, speaker John Billingham, chairman Isabel Mason, vice-chairman Carol Pritchard and Sue Booker

At the April meeting, members welcomed John Billingham who gave a thoroughly entertaining talk on "Life in the Fifties".

Mr Billingham showed slides of various aspects of life during those years including clothes, children's games, household gadgets, food, and life in general. Chairman Isabel Mason brought along a John Bull magazine from 1955 when a holiday in Italy could be had for 23 and a half guineas.

The quarterly raffle was held and more than 20 prizes were won. The club is open to

## HIGHGATE LADIES PROBUS CLUB

retired or semi-retired ladies and meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at Broadway United Reform Church, Gillity Avenue, Walsall, from 10.15am.

The next meeting will be held on May 14 when the talk will be "Clothes - an Historical Perspective".

# There's nothing like a dame

ACTING chairman Liz Hubbard welcomed all, particularly visitors, to a special 10th anniversary meeting.

Visitors included members from other guilds, including Wollaston.

Federation representative Ann Birchill reminded members of the arts and crafts exhibition at the Water Hall Gallery, Birm-

## WORDSLEY M TOWNSWOMEN

ingham on June 28 and 29 at the same time as the AGM. The inter-guild quiz has been brought forward from October to May 28.

An afternoon event of tea, cakes and poetry is arranged for May 30 at Wollaston

Church Hall, admission £4, while the guild will have a table at a Wordsley Green Community Centre open day on June 30.

The raffle was drawn for the patchwork quilt, made and donated by Barbara Gregory and there followed a humorous talk by Richard Westcott about his role as a pantomime dame.

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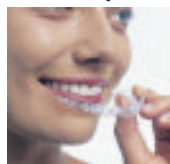
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# Housing staff dig in to help make town garden

**VOLUNTEERS** refused to let the rain dampen their spirit during whg's latest community benefit day.

Colleagues from the housing and regeneration specialist took a break from their day jobs to help create a community garden just minutes from Walsall town centre.

The whg has leased a plot of land to Caldmore Village Festival Group to create a space for use by the whole community. In time, it will be used by local residents for growing fruit, vegetables and plants, outdoor education and recreation.

Work to transform the site received a boost when whg announced it would hold a benefit day to support the venture. Colleagues from across the organisation turned out in force to do their bit, despite the wet and windy conditions.

They rolled up their sleeves and got stuck in by digging, weeding, laying paths, clearing and tidying, trimming and pruning.

Carole Wildman, whg director of regeneration and development, said: "We had a brilliant day and made a huge amount of progress. All credit to our team of volunteers, every single one worked very hard."

Caldmore Village Festival Group is holding a second 'Dig It' day on the site off Carless Street on Saturday, May 28. The voluntary event will take place between 10am and 4pm and is open to all.

The group is also appealing for donations of plants which should be delivered to the garden during those times.



Klair Jassal, of whg's Central Walsall Estate Management Team, gets stuck in during the community benefit day

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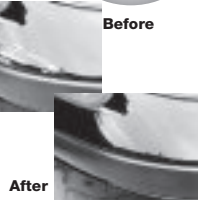
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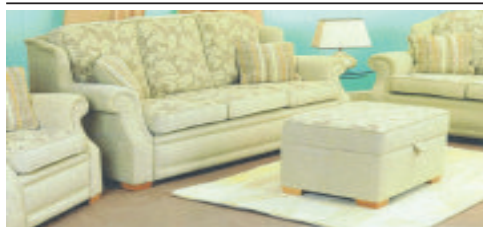


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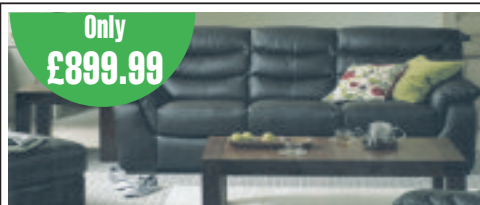
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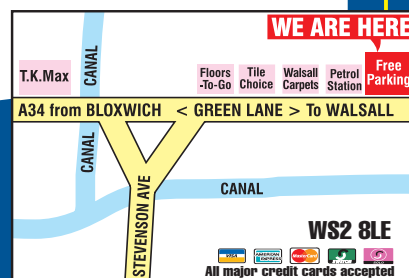
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# Mice infestation means immediate takeaway closure

A TAKEAWAY in Bloxwich has been shut due to an "extensive" mice infestation. Bloxwich Fusion, at High Street, was closed immediately after mouse droppings were found in food preparation and storage areas. Environmental health officers took the action amid fears it could pose a serious threat to the public's health.

By Catherine Dalton

Officers have warned other food businesses in the borough to be on their guard against infestations or face closure and a hefty fine through the courts.

The takeaway will remain closed until all traces of the problem have been removed and there is no risk to customers.

Walsall Council environmental health officer Kathryn Northway said: "Rodents in any food premises is a serious business."

"Mice spread germs which cause food poisoning as well as contaminating food with droppings and urine. All food businesses must be on their guard or they too will face closure and hefty fines."

Evidence was taken to Walsall Magistrates Court, where it was confirmed the closure notice had been correctly served. The council said the owners co-operated fully. It is not yet clear when it will reopen.

Almost 90 hygiene orders were handed

out to food businesses in the borough in 12 months. Problems included rat and mice infestations, out-of-date stock and dirty premises.

Four food shops were handed emergency prohibition notices during 2010-11.

Desi Sweet Centre in Walsall Road, was shut due to a mice infestation that left a trail of droppings, and Saddlers Fish Bar in Bradford Street, which was found to have rats' nests and droppings.

Kebab Ranch, Bradford Street, was given an emergency prohibition notice for the same problems, and Hajeez, Caldmore Road, was temporarily closed after officers found three dead mice and droppings in a balti bowl and pizza box.

The businesses were allowed to reopen once standards had improved.

## Bentley to get mascot

AN AREA of Walsall has been given a new community mascot which will make its first public appearance at a Diamond Jubilee jamboree.

Bentley the Bear will be among the attractions at the event on June 10.

It is being hosted by Old Hall Peoples Partnership at Bentley Leisure Pavilion, in Bentley Road North, Bentley.

Area partnership manager Lyndon Parkes said: "There is a lot of good work going on behind the scenes in Bentley and this will be a great occasion for people to come together and share in the successes of the last 12 months."

"The day will also see the unveiling of Bentley Bear."

"Bentley Bear is the new mascot that Old Hall People's Partnership use as an engagement tool for working with younger members of the local community."

## Celebration day

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# 26-week jail sentence for man in serial fuel thefts

A SERIAL thief who stole hundreds of pounds of fuel from filling station forecourts across the region was behind bars today.

Father-to-be David Lee, aged 29, targeted both petrol and diesel pumps on 11 occasions, stealing a total of £674.80 worth of fuel.

He was jailed for 26 weeks at Wolverhampton Magistrates Court.

Lee, who lives at the Wulfrun Hotel in Pipers Row, Wolverhampton, admitted driving without a licence or insurance along with four charges of driving off without payment (known as bilking) and asked for a further seven to be taken into account.

He also admitted stealing £340 from the till of the Gala Bingo hall in Lichfield Road, Wednesfield, while a cashier had her back turned.

## Disqualified

Magistrates Mrs Julie Clark sentenced him to 12 weeks for bilking, taking into account the extra offences, plus 12 weeks for the theft at Gala Bingo.

An extra two weeks was added for failing to attend a previous court hearing. He was also disqualified from driving for a year.

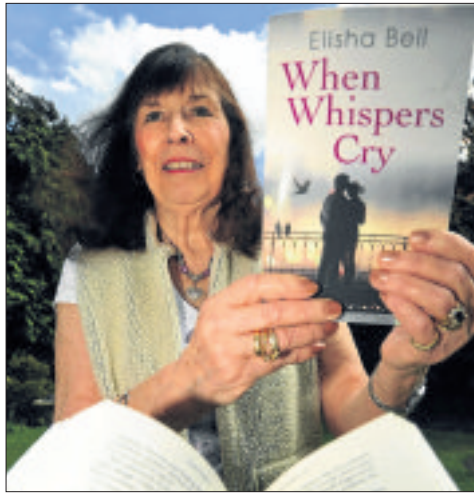
The first theft was recorded at the Asda filling station in Wednesfield Oak Road, Tipton, on November 18, followed by further thefts at the New Invention Service Station in Willenhall, Morrisons in Bilston and the Apple Green Service Station in Cannock Road, Wolverhampton.

The court heard he also took fuel from the Co-op, Bloxwich; Murco, Tipton; Tesco Express in The Scotlands, Wolverhampton; Total, Compton; Country Bridge Service Station, Willenhall; Triton, Compton; and a second theft at Apple Green.

## Tonic for hospital staff

AROUND 200 hospital workers were due to be honoured for their exceptional care of patients over the past 12 months at Molineux in the annual Royal Awards for staff at the Royal Wolverhampton Hospitals NHS Trust.

## Novel challenge for gran



Betty Merrick with her new book which tells a love story

A GRANDMOTHER is looking forward to launching her first fiction novel. Betty Merrick penned *When Whispers Cry* under the name of Elisha Bell.

The 78-year-old, of Birchfields Road, Willenhall, will launch her new book, which tells a love story, on June 1. Mrs Merrick said: "It's about a girl who has lived a sheltered life and goes to Paris and

within two weeks meets the lover of her dreams.

"He has an accident and loses his memory. It's a love story about them coming back together again. This is my first fiction book. My first book was factual and about shoplifting. I'm really pleased with how my book has gone."

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# Third gym scheme fits in with borough's planners

A NEW gym has been earmarked for Walsall town centre – the third to be planned for the area within months.

The proposal is to convert the former Bodycote Bright Blazing industrial unit, Bott Lane, into a gymnasium with community rooms. It will create a number of jobs. The building has been blighted by vandalism since Bodycote moved out. It is next to the Royal Hotel on the outskirts of the town and the plans are due to be considered by Walsall Council in the coming weeks.

It is the latest application for a gym following a rise in new businesses looking to set up. It will be decided by officers under delegated powers or go before members of the planning committee.

A statement from Graham Beddows, consultant on behalf of the applicant, said: "The building was last used for light industry. The building is not in use and has been subjected to vandalism."

"The proposals are for a gymnasium, open to the general public during day time and evenings. The meeting rooms at first floor are to provide training rooms and meeting facilities for external organisations."

It comes after the go-ahead to transform a former community centre in Walsall into a gym last month. The Pool Street site will open from 7am to 9pm Monday to Friday, and from 9am to 5pm at weekends.

And Pure Gym is set to open in the top floor of the town's Poundland store in June, creating around 30 jobs.

It received the support of the planning committee earlier this year. The budget gym, which will open 24 hours a day, will boast more than 200 pieces of equipment.

## Food service honoured

VOLUNTEERS from the food distribution project Esther Community Resources have been congratulated in a ceremony at the Mayor of Walsall's parlour. The service operates in the West Midlands and the Mayor of Walsall, Councillor Garry Perry, said he was "deeply moved" then he visited it in March.

## Pupils' charity chapter



Actor Martin Milnes with some of the pupils who took part

PUPILS at a Walsall school helped raise more than £2,500 for charity by taking part in a sponsored readathon.

Youngsters from Aldridge School in Tynings Lane took part in the fundraising initiative. As well as rising to the challenge to read more books, pupils raised £2,618 for CLIC Sargent and The Roald Dahl Foundation.

The aim is to help children with serious illnesses including cancer,

Hodgkin's disease, leukaemia and epilepsy. Readathons at Aldridge School have raised over £10,000 in five years to support charities.

Former pupil and West End actor Martin Milnes travelled from London to the school to congratulate pupils on their fundraising efforts.

School librarian Harbans Kaur said: "Events such as the readathon, which encourage children to read, are a fantastic way of introducing pupils to new books and authors."

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The new jobs will be in addition to the existing customer service hub at its headquarters in Warwick and will mark the start of significant investment by the society in the town.

Future plans include use of unoccupied offices in Hatherton Road as a funeral directors, growing the Co-op Travel business at the Walsall Waterfront, and the opening of a food store in 2013 in the Old Square shopping centre.

Chief executive Ben Reid said: "We can't say exactly how many jobs will be available but if it continues to grow at the current rate it could be as many as 50."

A security firm in Walsall is to expand and create extra office space for businesses under fresh plans bringing up to 20 new jobs. The vacant Old Forge building in Chucky will be taken on, refurbished and extended through proposals submitted by Pro-Guard Security.

# They know the drill as cadets win national title again



Members of Walsall Royal Marines Cadets, who picked up four trophies in ceremonial skills

YOUNGSTERS from Walsall are celebrating after claiming a national marine title for the second year running.

Thirteen members of Walsall Royal Marines Cadets took part in the Sea Cadet Corps National Drill and Ceremonial competition and came home with four trophies in all. Like in 2011 they won the overall drill title, seeing off competition from cadets from four other regions in the Plymouth-based final.

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# MP takes on news empire in scandal over hacking

Dial M For Murdoch: News Corporation and the Corruption of Britain – Tom Watson and Martin Hickman (Allen Lane, hardback, £20)

THE SCANDAL surrounding media mogul Rupert Murdoch's news empire strikes at the heart of the British establishment.

The revelations of phone hacking, obsequious politicians and compliant senior police officers have left a bad smell.

One politician who can't be described as obsequious is West Bromwich East MP Tom Watson, who came under the national spotlight with his forthright questioning of both Murdoch senior and his son James when the media barons were summoned by parliamentary committee.

The Labour politician came under News Corporation's spotlight some years earlier, probably as a result of his involvement in moves to persuade Tony Blair to step down as Prime Minister.

Watson can be forgiven the relish he showed when facing the Murdochs when one hears of the intimidation which he believes was a response to his digging into practices at News International. In this book co-written with Independent journalist Martin Hickman, Watson reveals that the stress cost him his marriage and almost his sanity.



Tom Watson MP



The MP's new book



Media mogul Rupert Murdoch

A review of new non-fiction books  
by Leon Burakowski

But the facts uncovered by the MP and several print and broadcast journalists led to two of the most powerful men in world media facing a grilling from MPs.

### Arrests

The scandal has already resulted in many senior people losing their jobs, more than 40 arrests, and the closure of one of the world's best known Sunday newspapers. Even Rupert Murdoch admits that the News Of The World affair is "a blot on my reputation".

It isn't over yet. May began with a split in the culture committee, which includes Mr Watson, after its report declaring that Rupert Murdoch was not a fit person to exercise stewardship of a major international

company. Police investigations continue as does Lord Leveson's inquiry.

To get inside this still evolving story, Watson and Hickman's partisan but compelling book is essential. Also recently published:

**Russia: A 1,000 Year Chronicle of the Wild East** – Martin Sixsmith (BBC, paperback, £9.99). The former BBC Moscow correspondent looks at how a troubled history has forged modern Russia, examining such traits as the desire for a strong 'iron fist' leader.

**Queen Anne: The Politics of Passion** – Anne Somerset (Harper Press, hardback, £25). At last a sympathetic biography for the last Stuart monarch who, if she gets a mention at all, it is usually for being

very overweight and having lesbian affairs. She was and she did but there was a lot more to the queen who reigned 1702 to 1714.

**A Visitor's Companion to Tudor England** – Suzannah Lipscomb (Ebury Press, hardback, £12.99). Dr Lipscomb selects Tudor locations across the country, including Harvington Hall and Kenilworth Castle, to give an insight into the 1500s.

**The Sign: The Shroud of Turin and the Secret of the Resurrection** – Thomas de Wesselow (Viking, hardback, £20). For some it is the sacred shroud of Jesus Christ, for others the most elaborate hoax in history. Now art historian de Wesselow in his weighty tome has a new theory which challenges deeply held beliefs.

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The three-night show, held at Walsall Gala Baths, was the first to be hosted by the club in 20 years and was attended by more than 500 people.

Walsall-based artist Adam Boulton created backdrop scenery especially for the performance, while special costumes were made for the swimmers to wear.

Head coach Amy Baker said they certainly celebrated in style. "All of the club were

involved and they did brilliantly," she added. "The feedback from the crowds each night was great and we wish we could do this every year as we have enjoyed it so much. It was also great to welcome back so many ex-swimmers from the past 40 years."

## University

Anyone interested in taking up synchronised swimming should contact Amy Baker via email to [amylouisebaker@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:amylouisebaker@hotmail.co.uk) or by calling 07545 787150.

A six-week free trial for swimmers aged five to 14 started last Saturday (May 5) at the University of Wolverhampton's Walsall Campus.

## Choir seeking new recruits for its concerts

A POPULAR Cannock choir is seeking new members to help build on its success. The Cannock Chase Orpheus Male Choir was formed from a collaboration of miners' choirs more than 50 years ago.

It is due to perform at the Pelsall Pride Partnership Picnic and Music event at

Pelsall Common on June 2 to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Last month the choir raised the roof at Darlaston Methodist Church.

Publicity officer Brian Marks said: "You don't need to have sung in a choir before and if you think you have a voice don't hesitate to get in touch."

The choir rehearses twice a week at Great Wyrley Wesley Methodist Church on Walsall Road.

For more details, call Brian on 01922 410209, or musical director Alan Jones on 01922 412094, alternatively visit the website [www.chaseorpheus.co.uk](http://www.chaseorpheus.co.uk)

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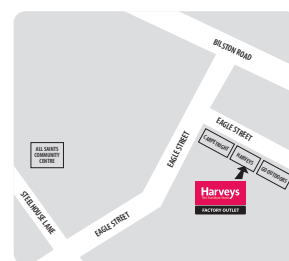
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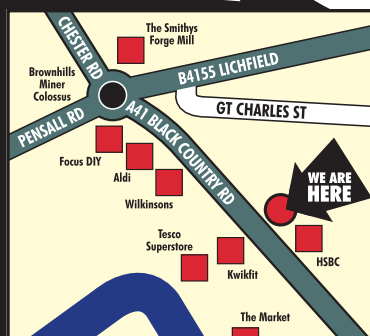


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# Deep cost of undelivered card

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First class mail weighing 25grams. Instead of my birthday card I received a post card from The Royal Mail sorting office to say I had a letter awaiting my collection at a charge of £1-12p. It stated on the post card it

could be delivered if the £1.12 was sent in stamps, (plus having to pay another stamp to send the stamps).

My husband went to collect it for me, I was shocked to have paid the said amount for such a small envelope.

I then went myself to the Royal Mail office to complain and was told it was too deep. Unbelievable!

Having paid for the first class stamp in the first place to be delivered by Royal Mail for such a small letter,

The inconvenience of having to personally collect it from the sorting office

(they didn't deliver it, which the postage payment was for.)

How many birthday cards are being charged the extra payment by the recipient.

People would not realise such small card cost so much to be delivered, because it was too "deep".

No wonder Royal Mail are losing custom, they deserve to.

**Mrs Margaret Mayo**  
The Hayes  
Willenhall

## Charity should begin at home

WALSALL housing authority has allocated 27 houses for Londoners from around the Olympic Games area because profiteering landlords are hiking rents sky high and because of the benefits cap, which I agree to.

Prospective tenants cannot afford these rents.

My granddaughter with one child lives in a Walsall local authority house with three bedrooms, because of new government legislation she is charged £40 a week for the third bedroom.

They say she will be rehoused in a two bedroom when one becomes available which up to now is not available.

I think that this situation is totally disgusting. Charity should begin at home.

**Dave Raymond**  
Shackleton Road  
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## Just so full of wind

I AM no longer surprised by the ingenuity of the public sector in job creation, or the alacrity with which they jump upon any passing bandwagon to expand their numbers.

Following the recently declared drought, caused by two weeks of March sunshine, the appointment of a Drought Manager within the Environmental Agency was given.

The inevitable downpour throughout April, accompanied by gale force winds, failed to impact upon the drought manager, but prompted the engagement of director of flood risk. With high winds currently sweeping the country, chair of wind velocity seems to be the obvious progression in this innovative organisation. As an old age pensioner, with considerable talent in this area, my C.V. is in the post.

**Alan V Harrison, Julian Close,**  
Great Wyrley, Walsall

## 'Amazing' leather museum

I RECENTLY attended a Civic Voice seminar in Birmingham. It is an organisation that brings together civic societies and voluntary organisations from around the United Kingdom. I spoke to two Australian students who said that of all the museums and exhibitions they had seen the best one was Walsall Leather Museum, to use their own words it was "amazing". So good on ya, to all the staff who run it.

**Trevor Jones, Walsall Civic Society**

## Sending out the wrong message

WHAT is the Professional Footballers Association playing at, naming Ched Evans in its Team of the Season?

Evans has been convicted of raping a drunken 19-year-old woman and sentenced to five years, imprisonment and yet the PFA has awarded him one of the most prestigious football awards in this country.

What kind of message does this send out to younger footballers and supporters who idolise professional footballers?

Men like Ched Evans give footballers a bad name.

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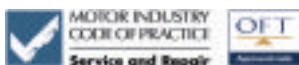
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# Trainers led to jail for crimewave burglar, 30

A BURGLAR from Walsall who admitted 30 raids on addresses in the region after being given away by his distinctive trainers has been sent to prison.

By John Scott

Daniel Hickenbottom burgled 25 homes and four other properties.

He also attempted a further theft in a one-man crimewave during which property worth tens of thousands of pounds was stolen.

The 30-year-old was finally caught when police called at his home on an unrelated inquiry the day after he had taken £2,000 worth of electrical equipment from a house in Bloxwich on April 3.

## Imprint

Wolverhampton Crown Court heard last week that Hickenbottom got into the house in Mulberry Road by kicking in the French doors.

He left a tell-tale imprint of the sole of his trainers at the scene.

A police officer involved in the visit to Hickenbottom's home the following day spotted the similarity between the defendant's

footwear and the pattern left by the shoe of the burglar.

Mrs Sati Ruck, prosecuting, said hair straighteners taken during the raid were found, while scientific checks confirmed the match with the footprint.

Hickenbottom admitted being the burglar and then took police on a tour which resulted in him being charged with two other burglaries in Walsall and Bloxwich involving £4,500 worth of electrical goods and jewellery.

He asked for a further 27 offences to be taken into consideration.

The court heard that the defendant, of Broad Lane, had a drug problem.

He pleaded guilty to three burglaries with 27 other offences involving over £20,000 worth of property taken into consideration and was jailed for four years and 11 months.

## Best foot forward



Margaret Hampton prepares for her charity walk

A BIG-HEARTED fundraiser will be taking on a three-mile charity walk in Walsall on May 16. Margaret Hampton, who lives in Bloxwich, will be completing the walk around Walsall Arboretum.

The 64-year-old is raising funds for the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital, which is the only charitable provider of ophthalmic services to the Palestinian people of East Jerusalem, Gaza and the West Bank.

The retired receptionist said: "The hospital do operations for people of any religion and people of any social class with no ability to pay. They are the only charity that does this."

Mrs Hampton added: "I chose to do a walk as I do lots of walks for different charities. I love walking and I love to do it around the arboretum because there are lots of things to look at." To pledge support, you can email at [anthonyhampton239@btinternet.com](mailto:anthonyhampton239@btinternet.com)

## An orienteering first

A MIX of experienced racers and local beginners met up in Walsall Arboretum on Saturday for the first ever orienteering race in the park. It was part of a series of events to launch a new sports club. Organiser Adrian Bailey said: "The sport is great for free-range kids and for anyone who's looking for something a bit more interesting than jogging." Learn how to orienteer every Tuesday from 6.30pm to 7.30pm at the Walsall campus sports centre, Gorway Road.



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If you've never been to Wagamama before, it is a good idea to allow time to peruse the menu's glossary. This allows you to tell your shichimi (chilli pepper) from your gyoza (dumplings).

Side dishes can be eaten as starters, such as duck gyoza (£5.55) with a spicy cherry sauce or shichimi seasoned fried squid served with a coriander dipping sauce (£5.55).

Mains include the popular ramen dishes, bowls of noodles in broth with choice of meats, veg or fish (£8.20 to £12.35). Other favourites include the chicken katsu curry (£9.15) - so popular it has its own Facebook page - and teriyaki chicken donburi (£8.80), sweet and savoury with sticky white rice, mounds of pea shoots and a side order of spicy kimchee (pickled cabbage).

Sweets include frozen yoghurts (the dark chocolate with ginger is very grown up), cakes and exotic ice cream. The drinks menu includes fresh tropical fruit blends alongside the wines, beers and sake.

The emphasis is on fresh ingredients with zingy oriental flavours - 'mama really does know best.

Leon Burakowski



The entrance to Wagamama at Brindley Place in Birmingham



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Barbara's father, Victor Potts, in uniform, aged 18



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## Brothers in arms when the Potts went to war

LAST year's anniversary of Armistice Day on the 11th day of the 11th month of the 11th year of the new century, was a special one for many people who remembered loved ones who had served their country.

Barbara Fellows, of Willenhall, was one of them.

She wore her father's medals with pride as she has done over the last few years as he is no longer with us.

Barbara points out that "during the war families were a lot bigger than now.

"My grandmother had 10 children, eight of which were boys and most of them who were old enough served their country.

"Looking through old records



By Barbara Fellows

kept by my father I found an old newspaper cutting and the film Saving Private Ryan came to mind.

"My grandmother was widowed when most of the children were quite young and, as I said, most of the boys joined the forces when they were old enough.

"In the newspaper cutting Trooper A (Albert) Potts was my uncle (now deceased); Sergeant V (Victor) Potts was my father and Corporal J (Jack) Potts another uncle, also now deceased.

"Other brothers Wilfred, Joseph and Dennis also served.

"Dennis is the only surviving brother now in his 80s, unfortu-

nately I don't have a photo of him in uniform.

"Imagine how my grandmother must have felt with nearly all her sons in constant danger.

"My father was invalided out of the army after being hit when the tank he was part of the crew of, was attacked.

"I'm sorry the newspaper cutting is a bit dishevelled but it is around 70 years old.

"The pension note shows my dad's injuries and, by the way, he never actually claimed his war pension until 1992, four years before he died in 1996 when he was 75 years old.

"Incidentally, Jack Potts went on to reach the rank of captain and served all over the world taking his wife and children with him.

"I hope this makes interesting reading and it helps to keep my father's memories and the family's alive."



The old newspaper cutting from the Chronicle's sister the Express & Star about the Potts brothers

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"We look forward to seeing you soon in one of our many stores, or simply call for free on 0800 1422 588 for further information," Liam added.



## COMPETITION

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# Serving up tickets for a show double



James Martin will be at the show to rustle up some culinary masterpieces

THE summer sees the return of BBC Gardeners' World Live and the BBC Good Food Show Summer to the NEC, and we're giving you the chance to win tickets to both shows.

From June 13-17, the shows promise gardening and food fans the ultimate day out.

And with 24 pairs of tickets up for grabs Chronicle readers have the chance to go along for free.

## Exhibitors

BBC Gardeners' World Live has an impressive offering for lovers of the great outdoors, with experts including Monty Don, Alan Titchmarsh, Carol Klein, Adam Pasco and Joe Swift appearing in the BBC Gardeners' World Theatre.

There will be the fantastic RHS Show Gardens, top tips on the 'Grow Your Own' stage and Garden Walks. As well as a collection of students' work with Birmingham Borders, a display of Edible Patches and a fantastic family weekend.

## Gadgets

This year's BBC Good Food Show sees top foodie faces including James Martin, the Hairy Bikers, Theo Randall, John Torode, Gregg Wallace and Glynn Purnell take to the stage in the Summer Kitchen.

In addition, there will also be key features like the MasterChef Experience - including the MasterChef Demonstration Stage and Restaurant - the Producers' Village and the



FoodLovers Approved Area. There will also be hundreds of exhibitors offering the latest foodie produce and gadgets.

For more information about the show, visit [www.thenec.co.uk](http://www.thenec.co.uk), and to buy tickets go to: [www.bbcgardenerworldlive.com](http://www.bbcgardenerworldlive.com) or 0844 581 1340 and [www.bbcgoodfoodshowsummer.com](http://www.bbcgoodfoodshowsummer.com) or 0844 581 1341.

## HOW TO ENTER

To be in with a chance of winning a pair of tickets answer the following

**Name one of the top foodie faces**

Send your entries to Food/Garden Show Competition, Chronicle editorial, 51-53 Queen Street, Wolverhampton, WV1 1ES. Closing date: Thursday, May 17.

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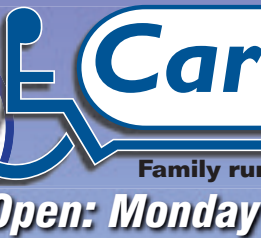
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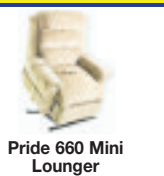
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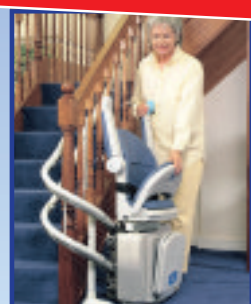
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**BRITAIN'S GOT  
 TALENT - THE  
 LIVE FINAL**

ITV1, 7.30pm

After seven rounds of auditions and five semi-finals, the national talent search comes to a close as the 10 finalists perform one more time. Their aim: to follow in the footsteps of previous winners Paul Potts, George Sampson, Diversity, Spelbound and Jai McDowall and win a slot at the Royal Variety Performance, as well as getting their hands on the £500,000 cash prize. All they have to do is impress the voting public, for while Simon Cowell and his fellow judges may be poised with their buzzers, their opinion tonight counts for nothing - who wins is all down to the viewers at home.

**6.00** Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Football Focus. **12.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.10** Live Formula 1: Spanish Grand Prix Qualifying. Coverage from the Circuit de Catalunya in Barcelona (Start-time 1.00pm). **2.15** Live Challenge Cup Rugby League. Wigan Warriors v St Helens (Kick-off 2.30pm). **4.30** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **4.45** Film: Madagascar. (2005) Animated adventure, with the voice of Ben Stiller.

**6.10** The Voice UK. Team Tom and Team Will take the stage again, and the stakes are even higher as tomorrow each group of four will face a double elimination, leaving the mentors with two acts each. The results can be seen tomorrow at 7.25pm.

**7.45** The National Lottery: In It to Win It. Quiz show, including the all-important numbers.

**8.40** Casualty. Dylan and Sam come to an uneasy truce.

**9.30** BBC News; Weather.

**9.50** FILM: The Proposal. (2009) Premiere. A Canadian publishing editor trying to avoid deportation from the US bribes her assistant to marry her. Romantic comedy, starring Sandra Bullock; National Lottery Update.

**11.35** Have I Got a Bit More News for You. With guest host Alexander Armstrong. (R)

**12.20** Film: Things to Do Before You're 30. (2004) Comedy drama, starring Dougray Scott. **1.55** Weatherview. **2.00** BBC News.

**6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.00** The Sky at Night. (R) **12.20** Film: Picnic. (1955) Drama, with William Holden. **2.10** Film: Bye Bye Birdie. (1963) Musical, starring Dick Van Dyke. **4.00** Flog It! **5.00** Antiques Road Trip.

**6.00** BBC Young Musician **2012**. The competition heats up as the winners of the keyboard, brass, strings, woodwind and percussion categories perform in front of the panel of judges in the semi-final.

**7.30** Dad's Army. Jones's reputation is tarnished by an old comrade's allegations about their time together in the Sudan. Comedy, starring Arthur Lowe and Clive Dunn. (R)

**8.00** The Story of Light Entertainment. The enduring success of the chat show, charting how the format has entertained and influenced the British public. With Michael Parkinson, Terry Wogan and David Frost. (R)

**9.00** I Love 1979. Bo Derek presents a nostalgic look at the year notable for such cultural highlights as stretch jeans, Quadrophonia and The Dukes of Hazzard. Last in the series. (R)

**10.00** Top of the Pops: 1977. With Slade, Leo Sayer and Donna Summer. (R)

**10.35** FILM: Cabaret. (1972) Oscar-winning musical, starring Liza Minnelli.

**12.35** Film: Carry On England. (1976) Military comedy, starring Kenneth Connor. **2.00** Close.

**6.00** CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **8.25** Saturday Cookbook. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **11.20** The Real Housewives of New York City. **12.15** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **1.15** ITV News; Weather. **1.25** The Planet's Funniest Animals. (R) **1.35** Film: Carry On Cruising. (1962) Comedy, starring Sid James. **3.15** Film: Dr No. (1962) James Bond spy thriller, starring Sean Connery. **5.20** Regional News; Weather. **5.30** ITV News; Weather. **5.45** Keith Lemon's LemonAid.

**6.30** The Cube. Olympic gold medalists Denise Lewis and Sally Gunnell each compete in up to seven challenges, hoping to win cash for charity. Philip Schofield presents. Last in the series.

**7.30** Britain's Got Talent - The Live Final. The 10 finalists compete as the talent show comes to a close. The judges are on hand with their buzzers, but the ultimate decision rests with the voting public. Last in the series.

**10.00** ITV News; Weather.

**10.15** FILM: Ocean's Twelve. (2004) The crooks reunite when an old enemy demands they pay back the money they stole from him three years earlier. Crime caper sequel, with George Clooney, Brad Pitt and Julia Roberts.

**12.25** The Store: ITV News Headlines. **2.30** In Plain Sight. (R) **3.15** ITV Nightscreen. Text-based information service. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

**6.15** The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** European Rallycross. **7.05** FIM Superbike World Championship 2012. **7.30** The Grid. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.55** The TV Book Club. **9.30** T4: Koko Pop. **10.05** T4: Dark Shadows: T4 Movie Special. **10.40** T4: Made in Chelsea. **11.45** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.15** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.20** Road to London 2012: That Paralympic Show. **1.55** Channel 4 Racing. **3.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.25** Come Dine with Me. (R)

**6.00** Channel 4 News. **6.30** 4thought.tv. A member of the public reflects on whether people should be allowed to use medical techniques to 'design' their babies.

**6.35** FILM: The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring. (2001) An unassuming hobbit must destroy a magical ring before it falls into evil hands. Part one of the fantasy trilogy, with Elijah Wood, Ian McKellen, Viggo Mortensen, Sean Astin and Christopher Lee.

**10.00** FILM: Transporter 3. (2008) An underworld courier transports the kidnapped daughter of a crooked politician across Europe. Action thriller sequel, starring Jason Statham and Natalya Rudakova.

**12.00** Rude Tube: Love Bytes. (R) **1.00** Stand Up for the Week. (R) **1.45** Film: The Fisher King. (1991) Drama, with Robin Williams and Jeff Bridges. **4.05** Smallville. (R) **4.45** St Elsewhere. (R) **5.30** Countdown. (R)

**6.00** Milkshake! **10.00** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **10.15** Meerkat Manor. (R) **10.45** The Gadget Show: World Tour. (R) **11.45** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.45** War Hero in My Family. (R) **1.45** Film: Major Dundee. (1965) Western, starring Charlton Heston and Richard Harris. **4.10** Film: Return of the Seven. (1966) Western sequel, starring Yul Brynner, Robert Fuller and Warren Oates.

**6.00** 5 News Weekend. **6.05** Ben Hur. A Jewish prince betrayed by his Roman friend and sold into slavery seeks revenge. Historical drama, starring Joseph Morgan, Ray Winstone and Stephen Campbell Moore. (R)

**9.30** CSI: NY. Parts of a dismembered body are discovered on four street corners, triggering an investigation that eventually leads Mac and the team to suspect Russian mobsters may be responsible.

**10.30** Live Boxing. Kid Galahad v Josh Wale. Coverage of the bout for the WBC International Super Bantamweight title at the Hillsborough Leisure Centre in Sheffield.

**12.00** SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming offering viewers the chance to win cash on roulette, blackjack and autowheel. **4.00** Great Artists. (R) **4.50** County Secrets. Historical spotlight on scenic counties in the UK. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

**ITV2**  
**3.35** Holiday Showdown **4.35** One Direction: A Year in the Making **5.35** Film: A Cinderella Story (2004) **7.30** Film: The Scorpion King (2002) **9.15** The Planet's Funniest Animals **9.45** Nicki Minaj: The Hot Desk **10.00** Britain's Got More Talent Final **11.00** Celebrity Juice **11.45** Keith Lemon's LemonAid

**ITV3**  
**2.55** Wycliffe **4.00** Film: Murder, She Wrote: The Celtic Riddle (2003). Mystery, starring Angela Lansbury and Fionnula Flanagan. **5.50** Agatha Christie's Marple **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Lewis **11.00** A Touch of Frost

**ITV4**  
**11.00** Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Kolkata Knight Riders v Mumbai Indians and Chennai Super Kings v Delhi DareDevils. **8.00** British Superbike Championship Highlights **9.30** Film: Jaws (1975)

**BBC THREE**  
**7.00** Doctor Who **8.05** Top Gear **9.15** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **10.00** Film: Con Air (1997). Action thriller, starring Nicolas Cage, John Cusack, John Malkovich and Steve Buscemi. **11.50** Family Guy

**BBC FOUR**  
**7.00** South Pacific **8.00** Lost Kingdoms of Africa **9.00** The Bridge **11.00** Parkinson: The Orson Welles Interview **11.40** Do We Really Need the Moon?

**E4**  
**3.05** Made in Chelsea **4.10** Charlie's Angels **5.05** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** How I Met Your Mother **8.00** Rules of Engagement **8.30** Happy Endings **9.00** Film: The Beach (2000) **11.25** The Big Bang Theory

**FILM4**  
**2.45** Carry On Cabby (1963) **4.35** Mighty Joe Young (1998) **6.45** The Princess Diaries (2001). Family comedy, starring Anne Hathaway. **9.00** John Tucker Must Die (2006) **10.45** Inglourious Basterds (2009)

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### VERA

ITV1, 8pm

This time, Vera and DS Joe Ashworth are called to an army barracks, where they team up with Military Policewoman Shep. The body of commanding officer Devaney, known as Dev for short, has been found, and although it initially appears he's committed suicide, a closer inspection of the scene reveals he was murdered – but who wanted him dead? Vera decides Dev's close friends and loyal comrades Vince and Budgie may hold the key, although a link to Ollie, a soldier killed in Afghanistan, could also prove valuable as the net closes in on a murderer who may have been responsible for more than one death. Barbara Marten and Clare Calbraith guest star.

**6.00** Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Sunday Politics: Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.10** Live Formula 1: Spanish Grand Prix. Coverage from the Circuit de Catalunya in Barcelona (Start-time 1.00pm). **3.15** Tiger – Spy in the Jungle. (R) **4.15** Points of View. **4.30** Final Score. **5.25** Songs of Praise.

**6.00** BBC News: Regional News: Weather.

**6.25** Countryfile. Matt Baker and Ellie Harrison explore Exmoor.

**7.25** The Voice UK Results.

Tom Jones and Will.i.am lose two more acts each.

**8.00** Planet Earth Live. Richard Hammond and Julia Bradbury continue the wildlife event following newborn baby animals across the world, from lion cubs in Kenya to bears in Minnesota. Continues Wednesday.

**9.00** Death in Paradise. A voodoo priestess is found dead after predicting her own murder – and while the team thinks her prophecy has come true, Richard believes it is simply an old-fashioned killing. (R)

**10.00** BBC News: Regional News: Weather.

**10.25** Match of the Day. Highlights from the final day of the Premier League season.

**12.00** Film: Perfect Creature. (2006) Vampire thriller, starring Dougray Scott and Saffron Burrows. **1.20** Weatherview. **1.25** Sign Zone: Empire. (R) **2.25** Holby City. (R) **3.25** Antiques Road Trip. (R) **4.10** BBC News.

**6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** Great British Menu. (R) **12.00** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. **12.45** Film: North West Frontier. (1959) Action adventure, starring Lauren Bacall, Kenneth More, Herbert Lom and Wilfrid Hyde White. **2.50** Live Challenge Cup Rugby League. Catalans Dragons v Warrington Wolves (Kick-off 3.10pm). **5.15** Formula 1: The Spanish Grand Prix – Highlights.

**6.00** BBC Young Musician 2012. Clemency Burton-Hill and Josie D'Arby present as the three finalists perform a concerto of their choice with the Northern Sinfonia at the Sage Gateshead. Last in the series.

**8.00** Indian Ocean with Simon Reeve. The adventurer travels from the south of Kenya to the Horn of Africa, along the way joining a Ugandan peace-keeping force in Mogadishu, the capital of war-torn Somalia.

**9.00** Coast. New series. Investigating the lifestyles, history and legends of Britain.

**10.00** The Lost World of the Seventies. Profiles of four colourful public figures in the 1970s.

**11.00** Episodes. The sitcom Pucks! premieres in America. (R)

**11.30** Grandma's House. Simon arranges a visit to the therapist for Grandma. (R)

**12.00** Film: Ae Fond Kiss. (2004) Romantic drama, starring Alta Yaqub and Eva Birthistle. **1.40** BBC News. **4.15** Coast.

**6.00** CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **8.25** Dinner Date. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Ade in Britain. (R) **10.30** May the Best House Win. (R) **11.30** The Cube. (R) **12.25** TV News: Weather. **12.35** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **1.30** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **2.30** Film: Columbo: Last Salute to the Commodore. (1976) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. **4.30** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **5.30** You've Been Framed! (R)

**6.00** Regional News;

**6.15** ITV News: Weather.

**6.30** All Star Family Fortunes. Coronation Street's Samia Ghadie takes on former castmate Bill Tarmey.

Last in the series.

**7.30** Emmerdale. Zak is sectioned under the mental health act, and Lisa is forced to tell a shocked Debbie the truth about Cain's attack.

**8.00** Vera. The detective investigates a suspicious death in an army barracks that was designed to look like a suicide, and uncovers a traumatic event that nobody wants to talk about.

**10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather.

**10.15** David Jason's Greatest Escapes. The actor examines wartime escapes that inspired films and dramas. (R)

**11.15** Premiership Rugby Union. Highlights of the semi-finals.

**12.10** The Store; ITV News Headlines. **2.15** British Superbike Championship Highlights. (R) **3.05** Motorsport UK. **3.55** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

**6.10** Sali Mali. (R) **6.15** The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** FIA GT1 World Championship. **8.05** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Frasier. (R) **10.00** Sunday Brunch. **12.10** The Big Bang Theory. **12.40** The Big Bang Theory. **1.10** The Simpsons. (R) **1.40** The Simpsons. (R) **2.10** Film: Runaway Bride. (1999) Romantic comedy, with Julia Roberts and Richard Gere. **4.25** Deal or No Deal. **5.25** Time Team.

**6.25** Channel 4 News.

**6.55** 4thought.tv. A short film exploring views on whether technology should be used to determine the characteristics of genetically designed babies.

**7.00** Celebrity Deal or No Deal. Singer Peter Andre takes part in the game show, trying to guess the value of the mystery boxes and win up to £250,000 for his chosen charity.

**8.00** FILM: The Twilight Saga: New Moon. (2009) Premiere.

Vampire Edward leaves his human girlfriend Bella for her own safety, driving her into the arms of a werewolf. Romantic fantasy, with Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson.

**10.35** FILM: Because I Said So. (2007) Premiere.

Comedy drama, starring Diane Keaton.

**12.25** Film: Uski Roti. (1970) Drama, starring Garima and Gurdeep Singh. **2.20** The Birthday. (R) **2.35** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.35** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.30** Countdown. (R)

**6.00** Milkshake! Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowerbuds. (R) **6.25** City of Friends. (R) **6.35** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **6.50** Castle Farm. (R) **6.55** Abby's Flying Fairy School. **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Family! (R) **7.30** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.45** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **7.50** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.05** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.20** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.35** Rupert Bear. (R) **8.50** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.10** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.20** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.35** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **10.00** Zoo Days. (R) **10.05** Grey's Anatomy. (R) **11.00** The Restaurant Inspector. (R) **12.00** Film: Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed. (2004) Comedy adventure sequel, with Sarah Michelle Gellar. **1.45** Film: Miss Congeniality. (2000) Comedy, with Sandra Bullock. **3.55** Film: Police Academy 2: Their First Assignment. (1985) Comedy sequel, with Steve Guttenberg. **5.35** Film: The Witches. (1990)

**7.35** Ultimate Police Interceptors.

**8.00** Once Upon a Time.

**9.00** World's Scariest Animal Attacks.

**9.55** 5 News.

**10.00** FILM: The Bone Collector. (1999)

Thriller, starring Denzel Washington.

**12.20** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) **1.15** SuperCasino. **4.00** The FBI Files.

**4.50** Rough Guide to Beaches. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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**BBC2** 6.00 cBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 cBeebies. 11.30 BBC World News. 12.00 Daily Politics. 1.00 Nature's Top 40. (R) 1.30 Instant Restaurant. (R) 2.15 Weakest Link. (R) 3.00 Wanted Down Under. (R) 3.45 Hairy Bikers' Best of British. (R) 4.30 Flog It! (R) 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Antiques Road Trip. 7.30 Great British Menu. 8.00 Mark Zuckerberg: Inside Facebook. (R) 9.00 The 70s. 10.00 Sounds of the 70s 2 Guilty Pleasures – Love Will Keep Us Together. 10.30 Newsnight. Weather. 11.20 This World: Michael Portillo's Great Euro Crisis. (R) 12.20 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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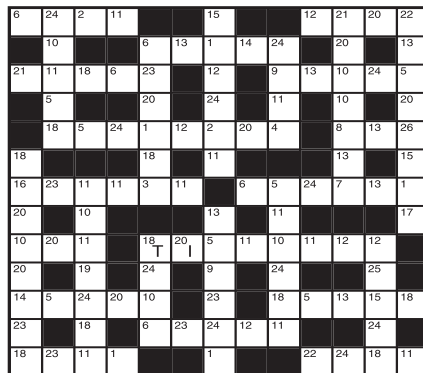


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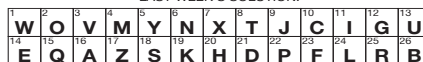
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## Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



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## Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

## Cryptic Clues:

## Across

1. A man of the cloth (6)
4. Showing variations in texture, like mended clothing (6)
9. Forebodings before emotional feelings? (13)
10. Go in for the competition again (2-5)
11. Article by me may be developed into variations (5)
12. As patterns they often need to be filled in (5)
14. Distort the remainder, we hear (5)
18. District without hills, lacking beauty (5)
19. Shocking rows before Edward is defeated (7)
21. Drill manuals? (8-5)
22. Make things more difficult for the plumber? (6)
23. Harmony in sound, maybe? Not quite (6)

## Quick Clues:

## Across

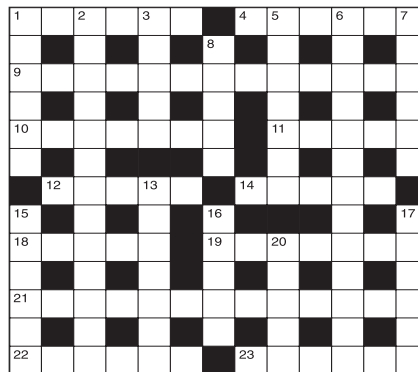
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4. Inhuman (6)
9. Eggheads (13)
10. Delight (7)
11. Result (5)
12. Sham (5)
14. Begin (5)
18. Train (5)
19. Denial (7)
21. Obliging (13)
22. Make certain (6)
23. Heavenly body (6)

## Down

1. Take one's leave of French section (6)
2. Old Testament philosophy involving the interchange of seers? (2,3,2,3)
3. Carry out a put-up job - that's straight (5)
5. Give me a term to make a piece of electrical apparatus (7)
6. Talks over sanctions having broken down (13)
7. They lack initiative, though they are positive in their assertions (3-3)
8. Begin to make an involuntary movement (5)
13. Restrict the movements of Maclean somehow (7)
15. Don't contract to provide a sumptuous feast (6)
16. Part of Alberta was hopelessly flooded (5)
17. No pretentious air is raised by the inventor (6)
20. Hood for a bird (5)

## Down

1. Span (6)
2. Excesses (13)
3. Dense (5)
5. Go back (7)
6. Sin (13)
7. Reduce (6)
8. Intended (5)
13. Plotter (7)
15. Graze (6)
16. Earlier (5)
17. Slender (6)
20. Weak (5)



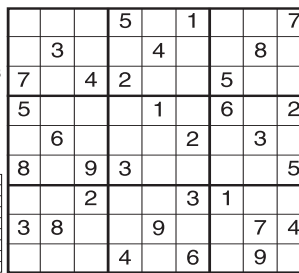
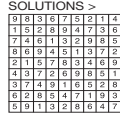
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CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Phrenologist; 7 Madly; 8 Toner; 9 Mat; 10 Thatchers; 11 Uphill; 12 Sandra; 15 Aftermath; 17 Act; 18 Otter; 19 Piton; 21 Unreasonable. Down: 1 Perambulator; 2 Nod; 3 Layman; 4 Gate-crash; 5 Sense; 6 Press attache; 7 Match; 10 Tolerance; 13 Drawn; 14 Campus; 16 Titan; 20 Tin. QUICK - Across: 1 Condemnatory; 7 Sweet; 8 Egg on; 9 Owe; 10 Persevere; 11 Repays; 12 Joyous; 15 Posthaste; 17 Din; 18 Eaves; 19 Riven; 21 Preservative. Down: 1 Cartographer; 2 Ere; 3 Nature; 4 Therefore; 5 Rogue; 6 Unreasonable; 7 Sleep; 10 Psychosis; 13 Olden; 14 Usurer; 16 Sever; 20 Via.

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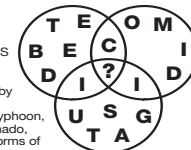
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## Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?

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On the ground floor the living room, 26ft 5in by 11ft 9in, has a feature inglenook fireplace and log burner and

access to the dining room which measures 19ft 9in by 11ft 9in and has double doors to the garden.

The study/snug is 9ft 11in by 8ft 8in and the utility – 7ft 10in by 6ft 10in – has fitted wall and base cupboards with sink, drainer and mixer tap and plumbing for a washing machine.

The conservatory is 17ft 8in by 12ft 4in with double doors to the garden, and the guest WC has a close coupled toilet and wash hand basin.

The sitting room, 12ft by 11ft 10in, has a feature fireplace with open recess and log burner.

### Space

While the breakfast kitchen – 11ft 10in by 10ft 11in – has a range of fitted wall, drawer and base units with work surfaces, one and a half bowl sink with

drainer and mixer tap, Aga cooking range with extractor above, integral fridge and space for freezer.

On the first floor is a sitting area measuring 12ft 10in by 11ft 10in, while the master bedroom has a white suite comprising roll top bath on clawed feet with mixer tap and shower attachment, shower cubicle, vanity unit and WC.

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## PROPERTY OF THE WEEK



NEW

## Ezekiel Lane, Short Heath



£160,000

Well presented three bedroom detached period style residence. Benefitting from two reception rooms, kitchen/diner, side vestibule, downstairs W.C., workshop/garage and driveway for several vehicles. No chain.

## Calstock Road, Willenhall



£140,000

A three bedroom semi-detached home situated on a sought after development. Benefitting from a rear extension 22'1" x 9'1" adding a reception room. Viewing essential. No upward chain.

## Aberford Close, Willenhall



£144,950

Well presented three bedroom semi-detached home with garage and conservatory. Situated in a popular cul-de-sac off Stroud Avenue. Viewing is via appointment and the vendor is motivated to sell!!!

## Buckingham Drive, Willenhall



£150,000

NEW

A 3/4 bedroom semi-detached house with a granny annexe to the side with wheelchair access and an independent entrance, own bedroom and wet room. Ideal for anybody needing to move an elderly relative in with them or for someone with a disability.

## Langmead Close, Walsall



£150,000

Extended three bedroom semi-detached home with a 19 foot kitchen/diner. Lounge, three bedrooms, recently refitted bathroom, garage and driveway. In a cul-de-sac location.

## Langmead Close, Walsall



£150,000

NEW

Three bedroom semi-detached home situated on a cul-de-sac on the popular Briersleigh development. Immaculately presented and offering the bonus of a P-shaped conservatory, tandem garage and recently relaid driveway. A viewing is strongly advised!!!

## Envile Close, Walsall



£130,000

NEW

Two bedroom end-terrace home presented in exceptional order throughout. Situated on the popular "Turnberry" development. Benefitting from lounge, kitchen/breakfast, refitted bathroom, driveway and landscaped rear garden.

## Bilston Lane, Willenhall



£99,995

A three double bedroom traditional style semi-detached home situated with good access to M6 and Black Country Route. Benefiting from driveway and carport. Offered with no upward chain.

## Wellington Place, Willenhall



£107,995

Two bedroom traditional style semi-detached situated close to Willenhall Town Centre. Benefiting from refitted kitchen and bathroom and exceptionally spacious rooms.

## Shepherd Drive, Willenhall



£87,500

Two bedroom terraced home situated on popular estate in Short Heath. Would be ideal for first time buyer or buy2let investor. Benefiting from a refitted kitchen, double glazing, central heating and no chain

## Taverners Close, Willenhall



£115,000

A pleasant two bedroom semi-detached home benefiting from a conservatory and garage. Presented in good order with double glazing and central heating. Offered with no upward chain.

## Jones Road, Willenhall



£120,000

Well presented three bedroom semi-detached home situated in an enviable position with playing field views to the front. Benefiting from many improvement works by the current owners.

## Dyson Close, Bentley



£90,000

Three bedroom terraced. Presented in good order and benefiting from a refitted kitchen and recently re-landscaped garden. Offering parking to front of the property.

## Mount Road, Willenhall



£150,000

Three bedroom detached home situated on an exception corner plot with scope to extend (Subject to planning consents). Benefiting from garage and carport and also well maintained gardens surrounding the

## Gregory Close, Wednesbury



£65,000

Ground floor two bedroom maisonette situated in a peaceful courtyard development in Wednesbury Town Centre. Offered with no upward chain. Viewings by appointment with Dixons Estate

## Squires Grove, Willenhall



£85,000

Well presented two bedroom, two bathroom ground floor apartment situated in a popular location in New Invention. Offered with no upward chain. Viewing recommended

## Victoria Street, Willenhall



£85,000

A two bedroom terraced home presented in immaculate order with refitted kitchen. Further benefiting from a downstairs WC with utility room

## Lucknow Road, Willenhall



£110,000

A traditional style three bedroom semi-detached home situated on an exceptionally large plot with potential to extend (subject to planning permission). Further benefiting from driveway and garage. Viewing

## Sandbeds Road, Willenhall



£89,950

Three bedroom end-terrace home situated in a popular location close to Short Heath. Benefiting from off road parking and a rear garden. Offered with no upward chain.

## Westbury Road, Wednesbury



£92,500

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**LOT 3**  
**6 THE MEDOWS, ALDRIDGE, WS9 0LB**  
Viewing: 25th April, 5th, 15th, 22nd and 29th May all at 12.30pm



A traditionally styled part double glazed semi-detached residence situated in a quiet cul-de-sac within a short distance of Aldridge Village with all facilities provided. The property is in need of improvement and modernisation and offers an ideal opportunity for owner/occupier/investor and comprises the following set back from the road behind a fore garden with driveway to garage: Enclosed Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Separate W.C., Garage, Fore and Rear Gardens.

**GUIDE PRICE £120,000-£140,000**


**LOT 4**  
**26 JESSON ROAD, WALSALL, WS1 3AS**  
Viewing: 25th April, 5th, 15th, 22nd & 29th May all at 11.45am



This most substantial traditional Victorian end of terrace property is conveniently located within a popular residential area of South Walsall just off the Birmingham Road, with Walsall town centre with all facilities with easy access. Set over three floors the property offers truly spacious living accommodation ideally suited to the needs of a family or developer and is in need of some improvement and modernisation and comprises the following:- Fully Enclosed Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Store Cupboard, Breakfast Room, Kitchen, Utility Room, Three First Floor Bedrooms, Bathroom Second Floor Bedroom, Store Room, Fore and Rear Gardens.

**GUIDE PRICE £140,000-£160,000**

**LOT 5**  
**21 HONEYWALL HOUSE, HONEYWALL, STOKE ON TRENT, ST4 7HY**  
Viewing: 27th April, 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th May all at 11.00 am



A purpose built second floor flat situated in a desirable location with attractive views across the city centre ideally suited to the needs of an investor with a potential for slight improvement and attractive yield. With the benefit of double glazing the property comprises:- Reception Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Bedroom and Shower Room.

**GUIDE PRICE £25,000-£35,000**

**LOT 6**  
**21 GREENSLADE ROAD, WALSALL, WS5 3QH**  
VIEWING: Strictly by appointment through Auctioneers on 01922-615222



This modern detached family residence is situated in the popular and sought after residential location on the much noted Brookhouse Estate within a short distance of Walsall town centre where shopping and banking facilities are readily available. Boasting the benefit of gas fired central heating, double glazing and cavity wall insulation. The property is set back from the road behind a lawned fore garden flanked by driveway and has an attractive private enclosed garden and consists of:- Enclosed Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Utility Room with W.C., Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Garage, Fore and Rear Gardens.

**GUIDE PRICE £180,000-£200,000**

**LOT 7**  
**41 MINER STREET, WALSALL, WS2 8QN**  
VIEWING: Strictly by appointment through Auctioneers on 01922-615222



This traditionally styled Victorian mid-terrace property being sold as an investment currently let to Miss Jodie Holden on an assured shorthold tenancy commencing the 22nd December 2011 for 12 months at a rental of £425 pcm. The property includes: Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Bathroom, Three Bedrooms, Fore and Rear Gardens.

**GUIDE PRICE £40,000-£50,000**

**LOT 8**  
**10 BEEBEE ROAD, WENESBURY, WS10 9RY**  
VIEWING: Strictly by appointment through Auctioneers on 01922-615222



A substantial semi-detached dwelling house boasting gas fired central heating and double glazing set on a corner plot within easy distance of Wednesbury centre and the motorway junction at Wednesbury make an ideal purchase for a young family or investor with good rental yields. Set back from the road behind a fore garden flanked by driveway to off-street parking the property comprises the following in greater detail:- Reception Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Kitchen, Three First Floor Bedrooms, Bathroom, Second Floor Bedroom, Shower Room, Fore and Rear Gardens

**GUIDE PRICE £70,000-£90,000**

**LOT 9**  
**22 BROADWAY NORTH, WALSALL, WS1 2AJ**  
VIEWING: Strictly by appointment through Auctioneers on 01922-615222



This most substantial detached property is currently occupied as offices but is under review for change of use to a residential dwelling house and offers truly spacious, well planned accommodation over three floors set on a plot amounting to some 0.18 acres. Situated opposite Walsall arboretum with stunning views from the front elevation the property lends itself to conversion to residential dwelling house or maintain its current use as offices, nursing home or other variety of commercial opportunities

**GUIDE PRICE: £250,000-£300,000**


**LOT 10**  
**466 SLADE ROAD, BIRMINGHAM, B23 7JH**  
VIEWING: 25th April, 5th, 15th, 22nd, 29th May all at 11.00 am



A most substantial traditionally styled end terrace residence situated in a regarded popular residential area with the benefit of gas fired central heating and some double glazing and additional off-street parking (subject to removal of fence). Ideally suited to the needs of a family or investor with good rental yields, good access and facilities available. The property briefly comprises:- Enclosed Porch, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Bathroom, Four Bedrooms, Fore and Rear Gardens.

**GUIDE PRICE £90,000-£110,000**

**LOT 11**  
**154b WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, CANNOCK, WS11 1AT**  
Viewing: 25th April, 5th, 15th, 22nd & 29th May all at 10.00 am



This converted first floor flat is situated within a short walk of Cannock centre and would make an ideal purchase for a first buyer or investor. The accommodation which has storage heaters and some double glazing comprises:- Landing, Lounge, Kitchen, Bedroom and Shower Room.

**GUIDE PRICE £30,000-£40,000**

**LOT 12**  
**LAND CHAWNER CLOSE, BURNWOOD, WS7 1YX**



Freehold building plot amounting to 0.11 acres approx. With outline Planning Permission for a bungalow and garage.

**GUIDE PRICE £50,000-£60,000**

**LOT 13**  
**1a PARGETER STREET, WALSALL, WS2 8RP**  
Viewing: Strictly by appointment through Auctioneers on 01922-615222



Single storey former bookmakers offices situated just off Wolverhampton Road lending itself to a number of uses including residential (subject to planning)

**GUIDE PRICE £30,000-£40,000**

**LOT 14**  
**25 MILL ROAD, BROWNHILLS, WS8 6BE**  
Viewing: Strictly by appointment through Auctioneers on 01922-615222



This traditionally styled mid-town house property is set back from the road behind a good sized driveway with ample off road parking and also has attractive enclosed private. Situated within a short distance of Brownhills centre with all facilities with all facilities provided the property has gas fired central heating and double glazing and would make an idea purchase for first time buyer or investor. The accommodation comprises:- Reception Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Utility, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Separate W.C.

**GUIDE PRICE £70,000-£80,000**

**LOT 15**  
**115 BRACKENFIELD ROAD, GREAT BARR, BIRMINGHAM, B44 9BG**  
VIEWING: Strictly by appointment through Auctioneers on 01922-615222



This traditional end terraced residence has been extended at ground floor level and offers well planned spacious living accommodation ideally suited to the needs of a first time buyer or investor offering rental returns. With the benefit of gas fired central heating and double glazing the property comprises the following:- Enclosed Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge, Rear Sitting Room, Extended Kitchen, Side Lean to Verandah, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Fore and Rear Gardens.

**GUIDE PRICE £80,000-£90,000**


**LOT 16**  
**36 CIRCUIT CLOSE, WILLENHALL, WV13 1EB**  
Viewing Strictly by appointment through Auctioneers on 01922-615222



Purpose built first floor studio flat set in a popular residential development being offered for sale as an investment. Let on an Assured Shorthold Tenancy to Mr G Tennant at £350.00 per calendar month. Comprising: Lounge, Kitchen, Store Room with wardrobe, Shower Room.

**Guide Price £25,000-£35,000**

**LOT 17**  
**21 QUEEN MARY STREET, WALSALL, WS1 4AA**  
Viewing 4th May at 11.30 am and 15th May at 1.15pm.



Victorian mid terraced property having undergone external modernisation to include double glazing but requiring internal improvement offering an ideal opportunity for builder. Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Bathroom, Three Bedrooms, Rear Garden.

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**£76,955****Selsdon Road, Bloxwich, Walsall**

\*\*\* 3 BEDROOM PROPERTY ON COMMANDING CORNER PLOT \*\*\*

Whitemove are pleased to offer this 3 bedroom detached property on the popular Turnberry Estate. Briefly comprising of - Entrance, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility room, Downstairs cloakroom, Hall, Landing, Bedroom/En-suite, Bedroom 2, Bedroom 3, Family bathroom, Single garage, Front and rear gardens.

**£199,950****Ravensbourne Grove, Willenhall**

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**£96,950****Stampings Way, Bloxwich Lock**

\*\*\* IMMACULATE 3 BED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE ON QUIET CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION \*\*\*

Whitemove are pleased to offer this immaculately presented semi detached 3 bedroom house on a quiet, new development in Bloxwich. Briefly comprises of - Entrance, Kitchen/Diner, Living Room, Downstairs cloakroom, Downstairs cloakroom, Family bathroom, Bedroom 1 with en-suite, Bedroom 2, Bedroom 3, Upstairs cloakroom, Double garage, Rear garden.

**£177,950****Garnet Court, Chelmscote Road, Solihull**

\*\*\* 2 BEDROOM APARTMENT OFFERED WITH NO CHAIN \*\*\*

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**Thurlstone Road, Bloxwich**

\*\*\* Detached 3 bed property in sought after location in Bloxwich \*\*\*

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**£249,950****Park Street, Cannock**

\*\*\* NO CHAIN \*\*\*

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**£115,000****Selsdon Road, Bloxwich, Walsall**

\*\*\* DETACHED ON THE POPULAR TURNBERRY ESTATE \*\*\*

Whitemove are very pleased to offer for sale this very well presented three bedroom detached family house being conveniently located for the convenience of the local school, being close to local amenities and transport links. This property is most conveniently located in the excellent area of the Turnberry Estate. The accommodation briefly comprises of - Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Halfway Lounge, Dining Room, Contemporary Kitchen, Utility, Ground Floor WC, 3 Bedrooms, Master with En-Suite, Full Bathroom, Rear Garden, Garage.

**£189,950****Poppy Drive, Tamebridge, Walsall**

\*\*\* OFFERED WITH NO UPWARD CHAIN \*\*\*

Whitemove are pleased to offer for sale this very well presented two bedroom mid terrace property situated close to local amenities and is within easy access into Walsall Town Centre. The accommodation briefly comprises of - Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Downstairs WC, Bathroom, Rear Garden.

**£114,950**

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**Irvine Road, Bloxwich, Walsall**

\*\*\* CONVERTED LOFT \*\*\*

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**Offers in Excess of  
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**Stoney Lane, Bloxwich, Walsall**

\*\*\* EXTENDED SEMI-DETACHED \*\*\*

Whitemove are very pleased to offer for sale this three bedroom extended semi-detached house situated in Little Bloxwich being immaculately presented close to local amenities and Walsall Academy. Being the ideal family home this property must be viewed to be appreciated. The accommodation briefly comprises of - Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Halfway Lounge, Dining Room, Contemporary Kitchen, Utility, Ground Floor WC, 3 Bedrooms, Full Bathroom, Rear Garden, Garage.

**£164,950****Guild Avenue, Bloxwich**

Awaiting Picture

4 Bedroom Semi-Detached

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- Three Bed Semi Detached
- Through Lounge/Diner●Kitchen
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
- Front & Rear Garden
- DHSS Accepted

**£500 PCM**



**Bloxwich  
Stanley Street**

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge●Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Driveway●Sorry No DHSS

**£495 PCM**



**Bloxwich  
Millfield Avenue**

- Three Bedroom End-Terrace
- Lounge●Kitchen●Dining Room
- Bathroom●Downstairs W.C.
- Double Glazing●Gas Central Heating
- Front & Rear Gardens●DHSS Accepted

**£495 PCM**



**Leamore  
May Street**

- Three Bedroom Terrace
- Lounge●Kitchen●Bathroom
- Double glazing
- Heating throughout
- DHSS Accepted

**£450 PCM**



**Walsall  
Kingsley Street**

- Three Bedroom Terrace
- Lounge/Reception
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Sorry no DHSS, Pets or Smokers

**£495 PCM**



**Bloxwich  
Signal Grove**

- Two Bedroom Part Furnished House
- Lounge●Kitchen●Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Electric Heating
- Sorry No DHSS

**£450 PCM**



**Walsall  
Tanners Court**

- One & Two Bed Apartments
- Lounge●Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom with Shower
- Allocated Parking●Part Furnished
- Sorry No DHSS

**From £425 PCM**



**Walker Road  
Blakenall Heath & Guild Court**

- Two Bedroom Apartments
- Lounge/Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- DHSS Accepted

**From £425 PCM**



**Bloxwich  
High Street**

- Three Bedroom Flat
- Kitchen with integrated cooker
- Double Glazing●Electric Heating
- Off Road Parking
- DHSS Accepted

**£425 PCM**



**Bloxwich  
Signal Grove**

- Two Bedroom Second Floor Flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Electric Heating
- Communal Grounds
- Allocated Parking
- DHSS Accepted

**£420 PCM**



**Bloxwich  
Marton Court**

- One & Two Bed Apartments
- Fitted kitchen
- Bathroom
- Courtyard parking
- DHSS Accepted

**From £400 PCM**



**Walsall  
Ida Road**

- Three Bedroom Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen●Bathroom
- Gas Heating●Double Glazing
- DHSS Accepted

**£375 PCM**



**Walsall  
Prince Street**

- Two Bedroom Terrace
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Central Heating
- Rear garden
- DHSS Accepted

**£400 PCM**



**Walsall  
Moat Road**

- Two Bed Flat above retail premises
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Shower Room
- DHSS Accepted

**£350 PCM**



**Bloxwich  
High Street**

- One Bedroom Studio Flat
- Lounge/Bedroom with Storage
- Newly Fitted Kitchen & Shower Room
- Electric Heating
- Double Glazing
- High Street Location
- DHSS Accepted

**£350 PCM**



**Bloxwich  
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- One Bedroom Flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- DHSS Accepted

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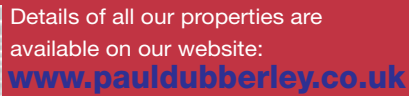
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A rare opportunity to acquire this modern spacious three bedroom detached, situated on this popular development in Sandwell valley the property offers a good standard of accommodation and briefly •span id="RadSpellError\_3" class="RadWrongWord">comprising•span id="RadSpellError\_4" class="RadWrong

**£650 pcm**

Delightfully presented and much improved mid terraced residence occupying a pleasant and convenient location with an open outlook to the front within easy reach of Dudley Town centre together with access to surrounding centres comprising entrance hall, lounge, spacious modern re-fitted kitchen/dining room, utility area, down stairs guest wc, three bedrooms, modern re-fitted first floor bathroom/wc (with shower), parking space to front, front and rear gardens, double glazing and gas central heating. Internal viewing is highly recommended.

**£595 pcm**

A three bedroom semi detached house with the benefit of gas central heating, upvc double glazing The property comprises of reception hall, lounge, conservatory, kitchen, three bedrooms master with fitted wardrobes, bathroom, garage, block paved driveway offering ample parking and rear garden.

**£575 pcm**

A modern three bedroom two storey town house situated in a popular location just a short distance from Willerhall town centre and with easy access to motorway networks. The property offers a spacious layout and high standard of accommodation and briefly comprises of Reception Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Modern fitted Kitchen, Three good size bedrooms with en suite shower room in master bedroom, Family Bathroom, Rear garden, Dg and Gch, No Dss

**£575 pcm**

A traditional three bedroom semi detached property set on a generous corner plot with easy access to motorway networks and local shops. The property offers a good size accommodation and would make a comfortable family home. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Modern fitted dining kitchen, Three good size bedrooms, Family bathroom, Large garage, Private rear garden, No Dss

**£550 pcm**

A modern three bedroom town house offering a spacious and well planned layout the property is in excellent decorative order throughout and would make a comfortable family home. To include Reception hallway, Lounge Modern well equipped fitted kitchen, Guest Wc Three good size bedrooms, Family bathroom, Garden, Dg and Gch. No DSS &#pound;550pcm

A superbly presented three bedroom property, offering a spacious layout this impressive property has been decorated to a high standard throughout making internal viewing essential to fully appreciate the level of accommodation. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Dining room, Fitted breakfast kitchen, Guest wc, Utility, Three good sized bedrooms, family bathroom, Private rear garden, Parking, Dig and Gch. No Dss

**£550 pcm**

A modern semi detached property having the benefit of central heating and double glazing. The accommodation includes three bedrooms, master with ensuite lounge and breakfast kitchen, family bathroom, reception hall and guest wc, enclosed rear garden, garage.

**£525 pcm**

A modern corner plot semi detached property having the benefit of central heating and double glazing. The property comprises porch, lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom having bath with shower over and enclosed rear garden.

**£525 pcm**

A well presented traditional two bedroom semi detached property, situated in a popular location with easy access to excellent transport links. The property offers a spacious layout and a good standard of accommodation. Briefly comprising of Two reception rooms, Fitted kitchen, Two double bedrooms, Family bathroom, Conservatory, Garden, Driveway, Garage, Dg and Gch. No Dss

**£525 pcm**

A two bedroom ground floor luxury apartment with the benefit of gas central heating, double glazing, intercom security system, communal gardens and off road parking. The property comprises lounge / fitted kitchen with built in oven / hob, fridge, freezer, wall & base units, fully tiled bathroom / wc, bedrooms with carpets and curtains.

**£525 pcm**

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**£495 pcm**

Modern Granary style luxury apartment, situated on a popular development just a short distance to excellent transport links having UPVC Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, briefly comprises: Reception Hallway, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen with built in oven/hob, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower and Allocated Parking Space.

**£485 pcm**

A gas centrally heated traditional semi comprising reception, lounge, fitted dining kitchen with built in oven and hob, 2 good bedrooms, bathroom/wc, verandah, store, gardens, limited access to garage, car space. 0121 525 5520.

**£485 pcm**

An opportunity to acquire a ground floor offices/shop situated on a busy high street with further potential. To include Large office space, Fitted kitchen to rear, Double glazing and Heating.

**£475 pcm**

A modern one bedroom town house , set at the borhood. This impressive property offers a good s  
ternal viewing to fully appreciate the level of acco  
modern fitted kitchen, Double bedroom, Refitted

A Well Presented Modern First Floor Granary style luxury apartment having UPVC Double Glazing, Electric Heating & briefly comprises: Reception Hallway, Landing, Lounge / Diner, Fitted Kitchen with built in oven/hob, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower and Allocated Parking Space. Viewing 0121 522 3733.

**£475 pcm**

The property comprises a three bedroom mid terraced house having the benefit of central heating and double glazing. The accommodation includes three bedrooms, lounge with laminate flooring and feature fireplace, fitted kitchen with oven and hob, guest wc, family bathroom with new suite and shower over bath, enclosed rear garden.

**£475 pcm**

To let - Spacious two bedroomed ground floor flat with gas central heating and double glazing. Convenient for Bilston and public transport. Accommodation comprises hallway, lounge, two double bedrooms, fitted kitchen, lean to, bathroom, rear garden.

**£450 pcm**

Modern purpose built ground floor flat with central heating, re-fitted kitchen & comprises: Reception Hall, Lounge, Bedroom + Rear Garden.

A well presented two bedroom first floor apartment situated in a popular location just a short distance from local amenities. The property is finished to a high standard throughout making internal viewing essential to fully appreciate the level of accommodation which briefly comprises Lounge, Modern fitted kitchen, Two good size bedrooms, Family bathroom, Dg, Gch and Parking.

**£450 pcm**

A well presented modern two bedroom town house, offering a good location and briefly comprises of Lounge, Kitchen, Two bedrooms, Bathroom, Fore garden and parking. No Dss

**£450 pcm**

A modern one bedroom first floor apartment, situated in a quiet cul de sac the property offers a good standard of accommodation and briefly comprises of Lounge, Fitted kitchen, Double bedroom, Bathroom, Dg , Ch and communal gardens.No Dss  
**£450 pcm**

A modern well presented two bedroom first floor apartment, offering a spacious layout and finished to a high standard throughout. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Modern fitted kitchen, Two bedrooms, Family bathroom, Dg and Ch, No dss

**£430 pcm**

A well presented modern style first floor one bedroom apartment set in a popular residential location with just a short distance from Sedgley town centre and is decorated to a high standard of accommodation. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Modern fitted kitchen, Double bedroom Dg, Gch and communal gardens. No Dss

**£400 pcm**

A well presented modern one bedroom apartment offering a popular location close to local amenities. The property is finished to a good standard and briefly comprises of Open plan lounge kitchen, Double bedroom, Bathroom and double glazing. No Dss.

**£375 pcm**

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- No Upward Chain

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**£120,000**

### Pooles Lane Willenhall



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- Central Heating and Double Glazing

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**£119,950**

### Willenhall New Road



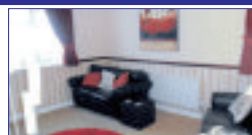
- Detached Family Home With Garage
- 3 Bedrooms
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- UPVC Double Glazing

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OFFERS AROUND:

**£120,000**

### Wolverhampton Newman Avenue



- Ground Floor
- Double Bedroom
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- Gas Central Heated

- UPVC Double Glazed
- Communal Entrance
- Reception Hallway
- Lounge

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OFFERS AROUND:

**£64,950**

### Devon Road Willenhall



- 3 Bedroom Traditional Semi
- Extended and Well Presented
- No Upward Chain
- Central Heating and Double Glazing

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**£114,950**

### Noose Lane Willenhall



- Large Detached Bungalow
- 3 Double Bedrooms
- Central Heating and Majority Double Glazing
- Living Room

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**£189,950**

### Key Smith Close Willenhall



Paul Dubberley & Co are now in receipt of an offer for the sum of £63,000 for 20 Keysmith Close, Willenhall, WV13 2QG. Anyone wishing to place an offer on this property should contact Paul Dubberley & Co, 14 New Road, Willenhall, WV13 2BG, 01902 633323 before exchange of contracts.

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**£74,950**

### Brunslow Close Willenhall



- Ground Floor Flat
- Well Presented Throughout
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazing

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**£64,950**

### Willenhall Newlands Close NEW



- Ground Floor Flat
- 2 Bedrooms
- Immaculately Presented
- Central Heating and Double Glazing

- Reception Hall
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Fitted Shower Room

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OFFERS AROUND:

**£70,000**

### Cedar Road Willenhall



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**£134,950**

### Essington Road Willenhall



- 3 Bedroom Mid-Terrist
- UPVC Double Glazing
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### Wolverhampton Broad Lane South



- 4 Bedroom Detached
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OFFERS AROUND:

**£340,000**

### Wolverhampton Broad Lane South



- Impressive Family Home
- Extended and Upgraded
- Sought After Location
- 4 Good Bedrooms

- Central Heating and Double Glazing
- 3 Reception Rooms
- 21ft Luxury Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility Room and Guest WC

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OFFERS AROUND:

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- Fitted Kitchen & Utility Room
- 4 Bedrooms, Master with En-Suite
- Fitted Bathroom

OFFERS AROUND:

**£179,995**

### Wolverhampton Sneyd Lane



- 4 Bedroom Detached Home
- Extended and Much Improved
- Central Heating and Double Glazing
- No Upward Chain

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- 2 Reception Rooms
- Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen and Separate Utility Area
- Luxury Re-Fitted Bathroom and En-Suite

OFFERS AROUND:

**£280,000**

### Crawford Avenue Darlaston



- 3 Bedroom Mid Townhouse
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazing (where specified)

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**£94,995**

### Uplands Grove Willenhall

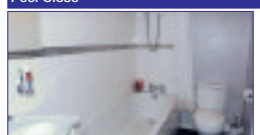


- Extended Semi-Detached
- Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Quiet Cul-De-Sac Location
- No Upward Chain

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**£105,000**

### Wednesbury Peel Close



- A Modern 2 Bedroom Mid Terrace
- Gas Central Heating
- Quiet Cul-de-Sac Location
- Lounge with Feature Fireplace

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- Fitted Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Fitted Bathroom Suite
- Enclosed Rear Garden

OFFERS AROUND:

**£89,995**

### Evans Street Willenhall



- Semi detached
- 3 bedroom
- No upward chain
- Lounge

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**£87,500**

### All Saints Road Darlaston



- 3 Bedroom Mid Terrace
- Gas Central Heating (as specified)
- No Upward Chain!
- Lounge with cast iron fireplace

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**£89,995**

### Wiley Avenue Darlaston



- Extended Semi Detached
- UPVC Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
- Reception Hall
- Through Lounge/Diner

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**£84,995**

### Cedar Road Willenhall



- 2 Bedroom Semi Bungalow
- In Need of Upgrading
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Gas Central Heating

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**£84,950**

### Western Avenue Walsall



- Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Parking To The Rear
- No Upward Chain

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**£77,950**

### Eaton Rise Willenhall



- Extended Detached Bungalow
- Generous Corner Plot
- 3 Bedrooms
- Adjoining 33ft Annex

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**£179,995**

### Wolverhampton Sneyd Lane



- Modern spacious extended detached
- Three bedroom
- Fitted alarm
- Double glazing & gas central heating

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- Lounge & dining room
- Fitted kitchen & separate utility room
- Off road parking for several vehicles
- Front & rear gardens

OFFERS AROUND:

**£215,000**

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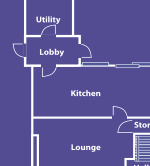


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## The new Peugeot hybrid is looking like a safe bet

"IT'S GOING to be a thoroughbred experience", was the intro at the start of a launch drive of the new Peugeot 508 RXH. Intriguing... then it hit me, we had to be doing something involving horses. And indeed we did.

So what's the point of telling you that? - I hear you thinking.

Well all will be revealed and it was very pertinent to the latest cub out of the Peugeot stable.

The Peugeot 508 is already available in saloon and SW (estate) variants, and now, with the launch of this 508 RXH, it's available as a four-wheel drive, diesel-electric hybrid with taller suspension and a wider track to handle a little more rough stuff and low-grip situations - as we discovered on the drive.

There is also a mode where you can run the car purely on electric, and hence with zero emissions, as we did through two stables of valuable thoroughbred racehorses without causing them to twitch a nostril - and they're the first things to alert you to when a horse is not happy along with

**By Sharon Walters**

the ears going back. It is powered by a 163bhp, 2.0-litre diesel engine and a 37bhp electric motor. On the road the Peugeot 508 Hybrid4 performs very well and is comfortable without being too staid.

While it might not be that quick out of the stalls compared to other rivals in its sector, it will sprint from 0-62mph in 9.5 seconds and it has a top speed of 130mph.

A drive around the roads of south Cheshire included busy towns where the stop/start system for the diesel engine proved very efficient, very quickly cutting the engine when you stop and starting equally quickly when you touch the accelerator to get going again. Fuel savings will be substantial and ever more important as cost continue to rise.

And you can also go around town using just the electric motor and onboard battery which, as mentioned before gives zero emissions, as we did around the stables.

We also tested out its sure-footedness by driving up alongside the gallops as the

horses were being exercised. It had been pouring with rain, there was a long, gradual but steep climb on deeply rutted grass, but the car positively cantered up and at times even made a gallop.

This all means that the 508 RXH has a tax-related CO2 rating of 107g/km which makes it very attractive for company car drivers and fleet managers.

For private owners the low CO2 output means zero road tax for the first year and then £20 per year thereafter.

### Incentive

Fuel economy claims look good and if they live up the figures claimed will prove a big incentive. Looks-wise, the 508 is curvy and smooth and inside you get comfort and a quality finish.

The seats support your back well and the side supports are raised keeping you held firmly in place. The electric seats have plenty of adjustment which means you can get a perfect driving position and the standard specification is good including cruise control, parking aid and parallel parking guide, sat-nav and Bluetooth, a catalogue of safety features and Peugeot Connect SOS and Assistance. One brilliant feature, which



I also recently enjoyed on the Peugeot 3008, is the head-up display which makes it very easy to check your speed without taking your eyes off the road. The Peugeot 508 RXH Hybrid4 not only has a premium look and

feel to reflect its price tag, it is also a premium car. It is indeed a thoroughbred experience.

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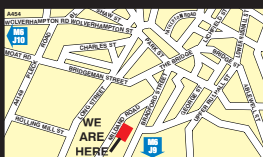
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Chevrolet Orlando – a real American muscle car which boasts a huge interior



Safety and technology are bywords for the Orlando, which has six airbags

# Plenty of space for family in Orlando

**THE ARRIVAL** of Chevrolet's Orlando brings a new vehicle into the market place for the hard working family who needs a vehicle to be a Jack of all trades, writes Bob Hickman.

The family market up until now has been dominated by perhaps the Renault Scenic and Ford Galaxy but the arrival of Chevrolet's seven-seater Orlando has thrown down the gauntlet to these manufacturers with a vehicle that has a perfect mix of bold, brash, slab-like styling and new innovative design features.

With a choice of three engines and three trim levels the Orlando could be the vehicle that is an option for you if you have a large family or if your family is such that you need the bigger style of vehicle but also this vehicle has a trick up its sleeve because by dropping the seats it gives you a gigantic amount of space. There is 1,499 litres of space when all the rear seats are dropped; this is almost a transit van capacity.

The exterior appearance of the Orlando may not be to everyone's taste, I can see a lot of American influence and let's face it Chevrolet is an American muscle car company. It is a squared off solid chunky looking exterior and this translates in to an interior that is huge and is one of the Orlando's assets.

There is room for adults in all of the seats even the very back row of the seats could accommodate grownups for a reasonable journey; I concede headroom is at a premium but the seats are actually more than just for small children.

I like the interior, because this is the important area of the Orlando and where it is going to score over the competition. The amount of manoeuvrability and flexibility that the seats have is excellent, the middle and outer rows slide backwards and forwards, the absolute rear most seats drop away to give you excellent boot space both rows drop out of sight to give massive amount of luggage space.

I like the way the two rear rows are elevated slightly, Chevrolet suggest that it is like a theatre set-up but it does make for life in rear seats that much better and if it is going to ensconce the children they will absolutely love it.

## Performer

There is a choice of three engines, one petrol and two diesels, the 1.8-litre petrol which was fitted to my test vehicle produces marginally over 140 bhp, and is sufficient to give a top speed of 115 mph and the CO2 emissions at 172 this vehicle is not going to fit in to the cheaper excise category, Chevrolet suggest 39 mpg may be achievable. The petrol engine in my derivative was equipped with a 5-speed gearbox and whilst the engine was never one to ignite a fire it proved to be a satisfactory performer.

The diesel options are both 2-litre but have been tuned slightly differently to give different power characteristics, so there is a choice between 160 bhp and 130 bhp. Both of these are reasonable in the economy situations, the 160 bhp for example should give a 47 mpg reading.

The three trim levels are badged as LS, LT and LTZ. On a vehicle of this type you want to be reassured that the vehicle is going to be safe in the event of an accident and a lot of technology has gone into the design, the body structure has been built using very high strength steel to create a passenger safety cage that will cocoon you in the event of an incident. There are six air bags, twin at the front and in addition side and curtain air bags are included.

Chevrolet have taken the step of introducing crash sensor technology, basically what this means that if the vehicle is involved in an accident the doors will automatically unlock due to the on-board detection system and this could be a very, very useful feature for the emergency services.

At the end of the day it is all about choices when you come to buy your new car, but certainly the Chevrolet Orlando gives you an awful lot of options, it has the facility to accommodate seven people, to be a luggage carrier, and workhorse by dropping down seats.

I am particularly impressed by Chevrolet's reliability, there is a tempting five year promise of an unlimited warranty which is transferable, but without doubt one of the biggest features and one really worth high consideration is the cost implication with prices starting at just marginally of £16,000 and topping out at just over £23,000 the Orlando makes a lot of sense when you consider what you are getting for that hard earned pound that you are spending.



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With two rows of seats folded the Orlando offers a massive 1,499 litres of storage space





The MG Icon concept car was a popular choice at the prestigious Beijing Motor Show

# MG has beaten the best in major design awards

**MG HAS scooped a major design award with its MG Icon concept car.**

It has been awarded the prestigious 'Best Concept' title at the Beijing Motor Show, one of the most sought-after awards on the international automotive show calendar.

The MG Icon beat the Lamborghini Urus, Mercedes-Benz Concept Style Coupe and Honda Concept C.

Autoweek, one of the USA's leading automotive magazines, announced the awards and will present MG with an engraved trophy at a later date.

Greg Kable, a highly acclaimed international motoring journalist and Autoweek's German editor, was

glowing in his remarks about the Icon.

Kable said: "The Icon continues MG's resurrection under parent company SAIC Motor, bringing newly interpreted heritage style to the compact-SUV ranks in a package that will see it compete against the likes of Nissan Juke and the Mini Countryman."

No plans have been announced concerning production of the MG Icon.

It's the first SUV concept from MG and was created by the MG global design team headed by British director Anthony Williams-Kenny.

It takes inspiration from some of the legendary MG models of the past, including the MGA and MGB GT.

Williams-Kenny said: "It's a great honour to win this very important award, particularly when the judges put the MG Icon ahead of so many other famous brands."

"The judges shared our enthusiasm and vision for MG which is one of the best loved brands in the world." Williams-Kenny, who also led the design team responsible for the award-winning MG6 production car, has recently been promoted to his new role as Global Director, SAIC Design.

The MG6 GT fastback and the MG6 Magnette sports saloon were designed and engineered at SAIC Motor's European Technical Centre at the MG Birmingham site.

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## SPORT

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## Freeman is firing as he claims five victims

WALSALL'S cricketers came out on top against reigning Birmingham and District Premier champions Barnt Green.

Tom Freeman claimed a five-wicket haul as Barnt Green battled their way to 140-9.

A quickfire 49 from Jack Manuel gave Walsall a flying start before a mid-innings wobble left them 95-5.

But teenagers Alex McChristie (25 not out) and James Middleton (20) saw them home by two wickets.

Himley are setting the early pace at the top of the table.

Ashraf Hussain and Greg Wright were the stand-out performers as the Stourbridge Road club edged to a two-wicket success at Wellington.

New signing Hussain shone with the ball as he bagged 5-32 to help restrict the hosts to 149-9.

Wright then notched a second successive half-century as Himley, with last man Dan Smith unable to bat after suffering an injury while bowling, took the spoils.

### Piled

Aaron Jeavons led Wolverhampton's victory charge against Knowle & Dorridge.

Hes top-scored with 75 as Wolves overhauled K&D's 153 for the loss of six wickets.

Kidderminster went down by 17 runs after being dismissed for 95 against Premier new-boys Berkswell.

In Division One, Wombourne piled up the runs as they cruised to a 133-run success against Kenilworth Wards.

Jon Smith (80), Michael Hill (35) and Dave Hemming (43 not out) helped Wombourne to 276-8.

Steven Howard and Jack Biddulph then took three wickets each as Wards fell for 143.

Division Two newcomers Brewwood are sitting pretty at the top of the table after a crushing 157-run win over Evesham.

Richard Bradford top-scored with 37, but quickfire 30s from Morne Heynecke and Dave Wedge saw Brewwood belt 100 off the last 10 overs to finish on 230-9.

Chris Pearce then sent Evesham spinning with 4-5 as the visitors were bundled out for 73.

Halesowen are level on points with Brewwood following a 17-run success over Attock.

# Delight at end of disappointing season

A SEASON which began with big talk finished with a big win and, the ultimate, big goal secured with relative comfort.

Safety was guaranteed following a season of struggle which at one stage threatened to be the end of Walsall in League One, writes **Nick Mashiter**.

But Saturday's 1-0 win at MK Dons left them seven points clear of the relegation zone on 50 points – a point and a place better off than last year.

For where the Saddlers are, that has to go down as progress and they have finished just four points from mid-table comfort.

But it is why performances and results such as the weekend's are so disappointing.

Gutsy and confident, composed and classy, Walsall's season ended on a high

### MK Dons 0 Walsall 1

thanks to Will Grigg's fine first-half goal. It was a performance which delighted boss Dean Smith but one which serves as a reminder of what they can achieve but what they haven't delivered.

One good final-day win should not cloud the judgement over most of the other 45 League One games over the past nine months. Sporadically, as on Saturday, Walsall have performed to the potential they profess to have but the hit-and-miss nature epitomises where they stand in the grand scheme of things.

Walsall should have survived, they were always good enough, and they end only eight

points away from the top half. Like the squad and manager have said, swap a few of those 20 draws for wins – something they easily should have done – and things look much brighter.

Which is why the summer trading will be as important as ever. The Saddlers are treading water and need a successful overhaul to rid themselves of the armbands and float away from danger.

Smith is now beginning to mould a squad which will be his and his alone. He got his signings right when he needed to and, with a budget expected to be as restrictive as the last, needs to make his money go far.

The boss did that with the arrivals of Sam Mantom, Florent Cuvelier and Emmanuel Ledesma. Without them, Walsall would not

have been so comfortable. Did the trio save the Saddlers from the drop?

Well, before Cuvelier arrived from Stoke in January, Walsall had one win in 14 games. Mantom's loan from Albion filled the gap left by the injured Adam Chambers and Ledesma scored four in his first five games. If those three didn't save them, you wonder who would have.

Their introduction ensured there was no late drama as Walsall finished a whopping seven points above fourth-from-bottom Wycombe. In contrast to 12 months ago – the climax to the Great Escape – stadium.mk was low-key. Grigg's fine 18th minute finish – the striker's first goal since October – settled a game in which the Saddlers always had a degree of control.

# Andy is fans' choice as player of the year

### Walsall FC awards

**ANDY BUTLER** retained his Walsall Player of the Year crown.

The Saddlers skipper polled 39 per cent of the votes to pip Mat Sadler and Manny Smith after leading them to League One safety this term.

He said: "I'm very proud. I thought Mat Sadler was a certainty this year. It's been a long season and we played some good stuff and have been hard to beat, but other times we haven't been so good.

"We would have liked to have been higher, but we were always confident we'd do it.

"It was nice to score some goals as well and the one at Rochdale (a last-minute leveller in a 3-3 draw) sticks out."

### Volley

Walsall finished 19th in League One after Saturday's final day 1-0 win over MK Dons – seven points clear of the drop.

Sadler claimed Players' Player of the Year while Will Grigg won Goal of the Season for his volley in the 2-2 draw with Scunthorpe.

Jamie Paterson won Young Player of the Year and Malvind Benning, who was offered a professional contract last month, took Apprentice of the Year.

Goalkeeper Jimmy Walker, who has clocked 534 games, was also honoured with the Saddlers' Lifetime Achievement Award.

He beat the club's appearance record in January.

He said: "I had a great first 10 years at the club and we progressed every year and being back has been brilliant."



Andy Butler receives the player of the year trophy from Royston Randle (Walsall Supporters Club), Alison Boot (Virgin Holidays) and Walsall manager Dean Smith



Malvind Benning gets the apprentice of the season award from Gary Brookes (Walsall Housing Group)



Goal of the season award for Will Grigg, presented by John Murray (Cavalier Studios)



Lifetime achievement award for Jimmy Walker from community manager Adam Davey



Mat Sadler receives the players' player of the year award from Andy Watkiss of Birmingham International Coaches

## The Colts go down fighting in trophy final

**Walsall Colts 10 Wolverhampton Colts 19**

WALSALL Colts produced a battling performance in defeat in the final of this year's Fred Rowley Trophy tournament played at their home ground Delves Road.

Despite the atrocious conditions, both teams tried hard to play an expansive game and they are to be congratulated on producing a very entertaining encounter.

Wolverhampton, who won the trophy last year, led 14-3 at the interval, thanks to tries by Sam Bahia and Tom Chard.

Full-back Will Jones managed to convert both scores despite being out towards the touchline and surrounded by pools of water.

The hosts finished the half strongly, and had several try-scoring opportunities, but a Ben Tipson penalty was their only reward.

Walsall increased the tempo of the game during most of the second half, but some desperate defending kept them at bay.

Indeed, a rare foray into opposition territory by Wolves, saw Bahia get a second try to make it 19-3.

The hosts continued to pile on the pressure with Max Hughes, Alex Hawthorn, Dan Poole and Tarik Tin making powerful drives towards the tryline.

But the Wolves defence held on until, eventually, full-back Jevan Jarratt broke through for a well-deserved try which Tipson converted.

The game came to an end with Walsall just failing to score after another sweeping attack.

## Mitchell proves mean-machine

MITCHELL ROBERTS produced one of the best performances seen by a Great Wyrley ABC boxer when he stopped Shaun Hewlett (Droitwich ABC) in the third round at a packed Droitwich Leisure Centre.

Hewlett, roared on by his home crowd, came out firing punches from all angles, but found Roberts more than happy to meet him head on.

At the end of the second round, heavy hooks to the body forced Hewlett to take an eight count on one knee.

Hewlett came out throwing in the third but Roberts' heavy punches to the body produced two more counts before the Wyrley man forced a stoppage.

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## Bandurak qualifies to tackle PGA prize

A GREAT BARR golfer topped the leaderboard at the PGA Assistants' Championship Midlands qualifying event at Swindon Golf Club.

John Bandurak, of Great Barr Golf Club, won by a shot and was the only player to break par at the venue, near Wombourne.

The 27-year-old carded a one under par 71 to finish ahead of Stuart Boyle (The Belfry).

They will join 14 other qualifiers at the £32,230 PGA Assistants' Championship final at East Sussex National course in.

But Bandurak admitted he needed to "give himself a talking to" after a disappointing front nine.

He said: "I was three over par after nine holes; I three-putted eight and nine.

"So that was the turning point for me. I gave myself a good talking to and made a three at the par-five 10th.

"Then I collected another couple of birdies after that. I was playing alongside Stuart Boyle, who was also going well, so it helped to have a competitive edge."

Bandurak, in his first PGA training year, had been playing EuroPro tour golf.

## Give me one more year, says Walker

JIMMY WALKER wants to stay on at Walsall after putting retirement plans on ice.

The Saddlers' record appearance holder wants another year at the Banks' Stadium.

The keeper was due for talks with boss Dean Smith this week, along with the rest of the out-of-contract players. But he wants to give the Saddlers another year.

"I really would miss it. I'd love to stay and see if I could help next year," said Walker, who has made 534 appearances for Walsall after Saturday's final day 1-0 win at MK Dons.

"It's been a hard season and I've come in after games and thrown things, kicked things and had tantrums but as long as there's life left, which I feel there is, I'd like to continue."

Walker, who returned for the final two games of the season to help Walsall survive in League One and said watching keeper David Grof blossom has given him more reason to continue.



Golfers Mike Ankers and Chris Scott-Douglas are in Dubai

## Mike's Dubai hole in one

WALSALL golfers Mike Ankers and Chris Scott-Douglas jetted off to play in Dubai this week - and had an ace time.

After battling through several rounds of qualifying, they booked their place in the grand final of the UK's biggest amateur golf event, The Matchplay Championship.

The two were runners-up in the men's pairs last year - and Ankers underlined their bid to go one better this time round with a hole in one at Dubai's Els Club.

They won the north regional

### Golf

qualifier with 40 Stableford points at The Marriott Forest of Arden, near Birmingham.

The two follow in the footsteps of Thomas Bjorn, Robert Allenby, ex-Ryder Cup captain Colin Montgomerie and Open champion Darren Clarke as winners at the venue.

"We're over the moon!" said 10-handicapper Scott-Douglas before the trip. "It's an unbelievable opportunity."

Ankers and Scott-Douglas were competing over three rounds at the Els Club this week. Their week-long trip also included flights and hotel accommodation.

The Matchplay Championship, in its ninth year and has more golfers at the final than ever before after the tournament introduced a men's singles even to run alongside the established men's pairs and mixed pairs competitions.

To enter next year's event or for more information, visit [www.matchplaychampionship.co.uk](http://www.matchplaychampionship.co.uk)

## He's Keane as mustard for home showdown

WALSALL'S Christopher Keane believes he can get to the top quickly as he prepares to get more rounds in the bank with a home-town showdown.

The undefeated prospect will take in a six-rounder against Bulgarian cruiserweight Tzvetan Trashlev at Walsall Town Hall on Saturday night, writes Craig Birch.

It's his second fight in less than two months and just his sixth despite turning professional in September 2009, having not boxed at all in 2011.

Keane is eager to make up for lost time in front of his home crowd, having blown away the cobwebs with a points win over Remigijus Ziausys in March.

### Sharp

And the 26-year-old insists it won't take him long to climb up the ladder, having claimed a senior ABA title after just 16 fights in 2009.

His last amateur bout was boxing for England later that year and Keane wants to be rubbing shoulders with the best in the country again before long.

He said: "It's nice to box in my home town, there will be loads of people there that I know there and cheering me on.

"I know this guy is a southpaw, that's about it, but my last fight has blown off the cobwebs and I feel pretty sharp.

"I just want to keep getting out now, everything is about waiting in the pros and it has been frustrating.

"I will turn up and fight anybody, nobody bothers me, all the others have on me is a bit of experience."

Tickets are available from Walsall Town Hall or by calling the box office on 0845 111 2900.

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# JUNIORS FAIL IN BID FOR BOXING FINALS

WALSALL duo Daniel Breeze and Liam Etheridge both missed out on a spot in the national finals of the junior ABA championship.

The two amateurs ended up on the wrong side of close points decisions at the Newbiggin Sports & Community Centre, Northumberland, last Saturday. Breeze lost 6-4 to Louis Claridge, from St Paul's ABC in Hull, after their semi-final at 66kg in Class Four, for boxers born in 1996.

But Claridge was given a helping hand in being awarded two points of his score, as Breeze was penalised by the referee for the third time he had pushed his opponent off.

Had the Walsall Wood ABC prospect not been hindered by that setback, he would have forced a draw and a countback with the judges to decide a winner.

In round one, Breeze opened the fight going for straight shots with the right hand as Claridge, a relentless pressure fighter, hurried in.

### Open

With computer scoring in operation in the championships, the five judges had to press the button simultaneously to register a point for each competitor.

By the end of the first round, they had awarded just a point to each of the fighters.

But a much more open second session left Breeze with work to do. Claridge had been handed the round 5-2 to take a 6-3 lead going into the third round.

At that point he opted to run for cover, with Breeze forced to hunt him down as he tried to claw back the deficit.

The England international did manage to connect

by Craig Birch

with a right hand that rocked Claridge's head back and that definitely registered a score.

But it was not enough to prevent defeat.

By the time Pleck ABC's Etheridge was in the ring for his 54kg semi-final with Karl Sampson, from Hillsborough ABC, Sheffield, the computers had been ruled out of action by a technical fault.

That meant their Class Six contest - for boxers born in 1994 - decider would go to the judges after the four rounds if it went the allotted distance.

Sure enough, they were called into play and went for Sampson in a majority decision, by three judges to two.

Etheridge and his corner felt hard done by at the final bell.

The boxer had used the jab to great effect to limit Sampson's attacks during the fight.

But Etheridge and his staff conceded it had not been his best performance in the competition this year.

That came in the pre-quarter finals when Etheridge eliminated five-time national champion Marc Leach.

## Jon wins nationals – now targets world

A WALSALL karate champion with ambitions to compete on the world stage has won a national championship.

Jon Lefevre, aged 16, was crowned the winner of his age category at the English Karate Federation national championships in Sheffield.

The teenager, from Walsall Wood, competed against 20 others and came out on top.

His coach Keenan Pedley, from Shizen-Do Kai, based in Bilston, said: "He was competing against the best fighters across the country.

### Represent

"It's the most prestigious tournament on the karate calendar so he did very well," added Pedley, from Willenhall.

Lefevre, who started karate lessons when he was just five years old, added: "I'm really pleased I won.

"Hopefully I can go on and represent my country."

The teenager, who is a pupil at Bishop Vesey's Grammar School, in Sutton Coldfield, is now looking for sponsorship to compete in world championships.

Any businesses or local organisations interested in him helping out should call his coach on 07800 799219.



Champion Jon Lefevre, aged 16, of Walsall Wood, with his coach Keenan Pedley

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